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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

GERALD R. FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB 10-18-73,
WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE AND
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE
PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH
OFFICE INVOLVED.

BORN 7-14-13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES 514 CROWN VIEW
DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. HE ALSO HAS A HOME AT 1624 SHERMAN
STREET, S.E., GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH
EDITION, PAGE 1039, FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND DATA. ACCORDING TO
RECENT PRESS ARTICLES, FORD OWNS CONDOMINIUM IN VAIL, COLORADO.

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NOTE: Request received today.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 15 1973

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RETURN TO MR. AUERSWALD, ROOM 1258.

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TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: GERALD R. FORD

HIS SON, JOHN GARDNER FORD, IS STUDENT AT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY,
LOGAN, UTAH.

CHECK RECORDS OF ALL APPROPRIATE BARS AND BAR ASSOCIATIONS,
INCLUDING ABA.

ALL OF HIS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SUMMERS AND PERIODS OF
UNEMPLOYMENT SINCE GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL MUST BE ACCOUNTED
FOR, AS WELL AS FOREIGN TRAVEL. MEMBERSHIPS IN ALL ORGANIZATIONS
OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN OR IS PRESENTLY A MEMBER MUST BE VERIFIED.

SUTEL BUREAU IDENTITY OF ANY DECEASED CLOSE RELATIVES FOR
CHECK OF BUREAU FILES. ALSO INTERVIEW PERSONAL PHYSICIAN,
PRESIDENTS OF LOCAL BARS, ATTORNEYS WHO HAVE OPPOSED APPLICANT,
AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND REPRESENTATIVE
NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF OPPOSING POLITICAL PARTIES. ALSO INTERVIEW
NATIONAL LABOR OFFICIALS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, ATTORNEYS, MINORITY
AND ETHNIC REPRESENTATIVES, AND APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS,
AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY. IF APPLICANT HAD HISTORY
OF FINANCIAL TROUBLE, ASSURE THAT APPROPRIATE RECORDS ARE CHECKED
FOR LOCAL AND STATE TAX LIENS OUTSTANDING AGAINST HIM.

IF APPLICANT OWNS, OR HAS OWNED ANY REAL PROPERTY, REVIEW
APPROPRIATE RECORDS TO DETERMINE WHETHER PROPERTY ENCUMBERED WITH
ANY COVENANTS PERTAINING TO RACE, CREED, COLOR, OR RELIGION.

TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: GERALD R. FORD

DETERMINE IF GROUPS TO WHICH THE APPLICANT BELONGS OR HAS BELONGED
DISCRIMINATE BECAUSE OF RACE OR RELIGION.

IDENTIFY ALL CLOSE RELATIVES, DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN REPUTATION,
VERIFY CURRENT RESIDENCES OF LIVING CLOSE RELATIVES, AND CONDUCT
ARREST CHECKS.

WASHINGTON FIELD CHECK INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, PASSPORT,
AND STATE SECURITY.

NEW YORK INTERVIEW BRUCE MAIR, IDENTIFIED BY PRESS AS FORD'S,
FIRST CAMPAIGN MANAGER. MAIR REPORTED TO BE PUBLISHER OF
FORTHCOMING NEW YORK NEWSPAPER, "THE NEW YORK PRESS," FINANCED
BY JOHN M. SHAHEEN, OIL INDUSTRIALIST. ALSO INTERVIEW NATIONAL
NAACP AND URBAN LEAGUE LEADERS.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE
MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

SPIN.

CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION RE FORD UNLESS SOME
REASON FOR DOING SO ARISES, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL SHOULD
BE SECURED.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Section10/25, 1923

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☐ Attention _____
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☐ Subversive References Only
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☐ Main _____ References Only

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Subject Harold Canada

Birthdate & Place _____

Address ALL INFORMATION CONTAINEDHEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIEDLocalities DATE 12-21-2007 BY 60324/UC/BAW/STP/blsR# _____ Date 10/25 Searcher Initials mcj

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 NI 100-3-57-55 p. 8
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 NR 100-467934-4
 NI 62-75147-8-49 vol p. 98
 NP ND [Redacted]
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 NP ND 62-9-65-641 p. 5
 NP ND 62-9-65-342 p. 39
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Washington Post and
Times Herald 6/21/65
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Subject International Finance
 Birthdate & Place _____
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Subject Arnold Hutschnecker
 Birthdate & Place _____
 Address _____

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✓	39-0-8511	
✓	64-22145-20	1st time
✓	94-64150-9	
	Arnold A (Bu)	
✓	65-44483-1013	1st time
✓	100-70151-20	
✓	105-135614-291	1st time
	Arnold Aaron (Bu)	
✓	25-90113-10, 19, 23	
	Arnold H. (AKA)	
✓	65-44483-904	
	Aaron (VAR)	
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Subject Leslie King
 Birthdate & Place Chicago, Ill.
 Address deceased prior to 1945
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Subject Gene Ford
 Birthdate & Place 1943 Santa Fe, NM
 Address _____

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	62-161090-36	I
	76-8702	570
	72-15770-558	I
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Subj: J. A. Lord

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I	105-54696-429	✓ ND-NP
I	105-22555-4453	✓ ND-NP
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I	105-102886-5	NP-ND
I	105-117149-453	✓ ND-ND
I	105-222880-121	✓ NP-ND
I	105-130171-3	✓ NP-ND
NI	140-0-46328	
NI	157-14516-12	✓
NI	157-14516-15	✓
I	155-4611-14	SI (interberger's office)
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	Israel News Dec 15, 1945	
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NR	2480, 2519	NR
ND	9-0-11097	
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	Wash Pay New	
	Service 2-23-67	
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ND	319	
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NP	105-0-20948
NP	105-7-253-20
NP	105-10828-1915
NP	-2412
NP	105-18440-194
NP	105-25263-1254 X12
NP	105-36731-159 p. 5
NP	105-81158-134
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ND -160
ND -219
ND -236 ep 476
ND -470
ND 62-111525-1
ND 62-115096-125
ND 65-74060-A-1
(7/21/72) Washington Post (22-71200-1)
and Wash Capital News - no date
NP 67-561-A-93
ND 94-1-1285-38
ND 94-1-12903-10
ND 94-8-95-619
ND 94-37804-55
ND 94-39297-3
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ND 94-53021-1
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Subject

GERALD R. FORD

Birthdate & Place

7/14/13 CHAMPA, N.Y.

Address

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 -1946 NP SI
 -2044 ep 13 NP
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 I 46-47868-47
 I 56-0-1A
 I Wash Post Times Herald 9/10/70
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 NP I 61-10497-340
 I NP 62-40772-396
 I 62-43223-251
 I NP 62-60527-41860 p. 2

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Franck
1 - Mr. Bowers
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Bruggeman October 23, 1973

EX-109

REC-54

161-974-2

Honorable Howard W. Cannon
Chairman
Committee on Rules and Administration
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

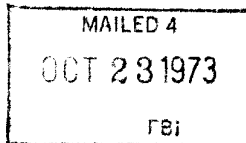
Dear Senator Cannon:

This is to acknowledge your letter of October 18, 1973, advising of the authority of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the United States Senate to report on the nomination of the Honorable Gerald R. Ford to be Vice President of the United States. With regard to your request for this Bureau to check out the allegations received by your committee and report back to the committee, please be advised it has been our long-standing policy based upon departmental orders concerning the confidentiality of our records to refer such requests for investigation or information from our files to the Attorney General. Therefore, your request has been referred to the Acting Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Cl. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director



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JOSEPH E. O'LEARY, PROFESSIONAL STAFF
MEMBER (MINORITY)

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 18, 1973

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Director:

The Committee on Rules and Administration of the United States Senate is authorized by action of the Senate on October 13, 1973, to investigate, hold hearings, consider, and report on the nomination of the Honorable Gerald R. Ford to be Vice President of the United States.

I have been assured that your Agency has already begun an exhaustive investigation of his qualifications. I want to thank you for your complete cooperation.

As Chairman of the Committee I have received an anonymous letter, copy of which is enclosed, which I would like for the Bureau of Investigation to check out its allegations and report back to our Committee.

Thanking you for your assistance and cooperation, I remain

Sincerely,

Howard W. Cannon
HOWARD W. CANNON
Chairman

OCT 26 1973

Enclosure

EX-117 PROC.
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It is imperative that consideration of Jerry Ford's qualifications for the Vice Presidency include an investigation of his relationship with Fred Black ten or more years ago when Black was Washington lobbyist for Rockwell International Corporation, then named North American Aviation, Inc.

Before Fred Black was indicted, convicted and jailed for income tax evasion, the FBI engaged in electronic eavesdropping on his suite at the Sheraton Carlton in Washington via the so-called "spike mike" technique. Thousands of hours of conversation were recorded on tapes. The tapes established that Fred Black, an unsavory character whose suite was frequented by prostitutes and gamblers, was a first-name friend of Jerry Ford, whose many conversations with Black involved more than legislative discussions. The tapes will show the extent to which Jerry Ford discussed financial and other matters with Black.

The FBI made logs of the tapes which presumably contain accurate summaries of the contents of the Fred Black tapes, including the portions relating to Jerry Ford. Prudence suggests that these logs should be examined by the Senate Rules Committee and the House Judiciary Committee.

ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *WVC*

DATE: 10-25-73

FROM : O. E. Coleman *OEC*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Special Investigative Div.

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend commendation for Agent and clerical personnel who have participated in the supervision and preparing the results of this investigation for dissemination to the Attorney General and to The White House.

At approximately 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 10-15-73, the Deputy Attorney General's office requested a very expedite investigation of Congressman Ford following his nomination to be Vice President. The investigation was to be extensive and commensurate with the high office involved and also include investigation concerning his finances.

This case was immediately assigned to Supervisor in Charge (SIC) Orvis J. Auerswald, assisted by SIC Robert L. Bruggeman. Supervisor [redacted] was assigned to supervise the accounting phase of this investigation. Number One Man [redacted] was charged with seeing to it that the reports were as full and complete in every respect as possible. All personnel of the Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section were alerted and instructions were issued to utilize all personnel necessary to get the job done in the shortest possible time. Pertinent field offices were immediately telephonically contacted and investigation initiated. Confirming teletypes were later sent to the field. Deadline was set for close of business, Thursday, 10-18-73. Leads were relayed to the field by telephone and every office was alerted to the necessity of assigning sufficient personnel to meet the deadline. 101-14112

REC 107.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, 10-16-73, additional 1973 instructions were received from General Haig at The White House requiring a new field deadline of 9:00 a.m., Thursday, 10-18-73.

- 1 - Mr. Walsh
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman

Enclosures Sent 10-31-73 per [redacted]

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
RE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Further advice was received that The White House and the Department wanted the full and detailed reports of the investigation by Friday, 10-19-73. It was obviously impossible to complete all phases of the investigation, particularly that relating to Mr. Ford's finances, by the deadline as his financial records weren't made available until Wednesday, 10-17-73. The Department and The White House were made aware of this fact and were assured that all investigation to date would be made available on Friday, 10-19-73.

The two principal offices were Detroit and Washington Field. By 9:00 a.m., 10-17-73, there were 23 additional offices involved. Squads of Agents in the principal offices commenced work immediately on Monday afternoon, 10-15-73, and a large number of Agents and stenographers were utilized throughout the field in completing the reports, the first Detroit report running over 500 pages. Due to the time element mail could not be utilized in most instances and, consequently, it was necessary to have these reports flown in.

Due to the urgent nature of this matter it was necessary to work day and night to supervise the investigation as well as to review, revise, correct, index, and assemble the reports for dissemination. Agent supervisors, stenographers and clerks assigned to the Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section worked late hours during the week and throughout the three-day holiday weekend, 10/20-22/73. Their attitude was excellent and they exhibited an unselfish devotion to duty. They willingly subordinated personal considerations as some cancelled leave plans and weekend and holiday commitments. The initial reports were furnished to the Department and The White House at approximately 2:00 p.m., Friday, 10-19-73. Additional reports were furnished on Wednesday, 10-24-73. A relatively small amount of investigation is still pending, the results of which will be disseminated at the earliest possible time. Thirty-two offices have been involved thus far.

Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
RE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

ACTION:

1. It is recommended individual letters of commendation be forwarded to SICs Orvis J. Auerswald and Robert L. Bruggeman, SAs [redacted], and Number One Man [redacted]. These men demonstrated a high degree of professional competence and afforded this matter exemplary guidance and direction from its inception.

2. It is further recommended that a letter be directed to the Assistant Director of the Special Investigative Division commending through him the following supervisors who unselfishly worked considerable overtime on this matter: SAs [redacted]
[redacted]

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3. The attitude and enthusiasm of the seven stenographers and three clerks who assisted on this project were especially noteworthy and it is felt individual letters of commendation are warranted for stenographers
[redacted]

ADDENDUM: WVC:mkc 10-25-73

It is also recommended that Section Chief O. Eugene Coleman be commended for his outstanding efforts and results in getting this job done so thoroughly in such a short period of time.

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Appropriate letters attached. Sent 10-31-73 HRC
(10-31-73)

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THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

November 8, 1973

DIRECTOR, FBI

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARINGS
ON VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE
CONGRESSMAN GERALD R. FORD
ACCESS TO FBI REPORTS

This will confirm your conversation with Associate Director N. P. Callahan this afternoon at which time instructions were given to contact Mr. Jerome M. Seifman, General Counsel of the captioned Committee to perfect arrangements for the review of FBI investigative reports concerning Congressman Ford in connection with this Committee's forthcoming hearings.

You indicated you had spoken to Chairman Peter Rodino and had indicated FBI reports of the investigation of Congressman Ford would be made available for review to the Chairman and three other majority members of the Committee to be designated by the Chairman.

You also advised that ranking minority member Edward Hutchinson, Republican-Michigan, was likewise informed that should two other minority members besides himself desire to review the investigative reports in connection with this matter they could do so. You instructed that Minority Counsel Franklin G. Polk be contacted and arrangements, if desired, be worked out.

These instructions have been implemented accordingly.

NOTE: [redacted] advised that the four majority members designated to review these reports would be Chairman Rodino, Congressman George E. Barlow (former FBI Agent), Edward Markey and Macdonald.

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1 - Mr. Callahan 1 - Mr. Bowers
1 - Mr. Gebhardt 1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Franck 1 - Mr. Auerswald
1 - Mr. Cleveland

The Acting Attorney General

December 4, 1973

Director, FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to my memorandum dated November 21, 1973, and previous memoranda which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Gerald Rudolph Ford, United States Representative from Michigan.

On November 30, 1973, information was received from Patrick McSweeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, that Peter W. Rodino, Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, which has held hearings concerning Representative Ford, had requested to be advised with respect to the following: (1) Whether any investigation has been conducted by the FBI concerning [redacted] (2) any information available to the FBI indicating a connection between [redacted] and [redacted] or Representative Ford, and (3) with respect to [redacted], whether there has been any investigation or conviction of him for subornation of perjury.

In January, 1973, at the request of the Office of the United States Attorney, Washington, D. C., an investigation was initiated by the FBI concerning possible violations of the Obstruction of Justice and Perjury statutes by [redacted], and [redacted] in connection with hearings held by the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding stock manipulation. The Department was furnished a report dated March 13, 1973, at Washington, D. C., entitled, [redacted] Obstruction of Justice, [redacted] containing the results of that investigation. On May 9, 1973, indictments were returned charging [redacted] and [redacted] each with nine counts of perjury and one count of conspiracy. [redacted] was charged with two counts of perjury and one count of conspiracy. Subsequently, each entered a plea of guilty to one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice. On October 25, 1973, [redacted] was

See Cover Memorandum Coleman to Cleveland,
Re: Gerald R. Ford, Special Inquiry, 12/3/73,
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RETURN TO MR. AUERSWALD, ROOM 1258.

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sentenced to serve from twenty months to five years, all but six months of which were suspended. He was fined \$10,000 and was placed on probation for three years. [redacted] was fined \$10,000 and was placed on probation for three years. [redacted] was fined \$7,500 and was placed on probation for two years. There is attached a copy of an article captioned [redacted] Given 6 Months in Bribe Case," which appeared in "The Washington Post," Washington, D. C., on October 26, 1973. (72-2082)

[redacted] who is reportedly affiliated with [redacted] of [redacted] Washington, D. C., served as [redacted] for [redacted] in the previously mentioned case. Information has been received from an individual, who requested anonymity, that an investigation is presently being conducted by the Securities and Exchange Commission in conjunction with the Office of the United States Attorney, Washington, D. C., concerning possible obstruction of justice on the part of [redacted]. It was stated an investigation is also being conducted concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] as the case concerning [redacted] was in the courts at that time. The same individual stated [redacted] is allegedly "upset" with [redacted] as he feels [redacted] insistence that [redacted] plead guilty in the previously mentioned case was to avoid revealing [redacted] association with [redacted]. No information is contained in the files of the FBI to indicate that [redacted] has been investigated for or convicted of subornation of perjury.

The files of the FBI contain no information concerning any connection Representative Ford may have with [redacted] or [redacted]

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the Acting Attorney General.

On June, 1966, an applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning [redacted], who was then being considered for the position of [redacted] in the Criminal Division. He was born on [redacted] in [redacted]. The results of that investigation were furnished to the Deputy Attorney General on June 23, 1966. [redacted] may be identical with [redacted] who served as [redacted] for [redacted] (77-99623)

Pertinent information concerning this matter is also being furnished to The White House.

Enclosure

12/3/73

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (72-182) (C)

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
Special Inquiry
WF 161-9324
BuFile 161-9896

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For information of the Bureau, SA [REDACTED]
while conducting investigation at the USDC, Washington, D.C.
(WDC), on 11/29/73, on an unrelated matter, observed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the presence of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The following conversation developed:

[REDACTED] advised that he is now serving his sentence
at Allenwood, Pennsylvania and is spending most of his time
testifying in either Baltimore, Maryland or WDC. Presently
he is being questioned by AUSA ROGER ADELMAN, USDC, WDC,

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concerning [] in captioned matter) and [] possible participation in OOJ during investigation in captioned OOJ matter. Also, [] added, that [] has asked him if [] was in any way connected with Vice Presidential Nominee GERALD FORD. [] stated he had no knowledge of any connection between [] and FORD.

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The following conversation took place, out of the presence of [] between SA [] and []
[] (Protect Identity)

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[] advised that [] is associated with [] WDC. []
[] Also [] pointed out that [] is []
[] and friend of FORD's.

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Furthermore, [] was employed for a short period as []
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According to [] (Protect) [] is being investigated currently by []
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[] case was in the courts at that time. Furthermore, [] is allegedly "upset" with [] because [] feels [] insistence that he plead guilty in [] case was to avoid revealing [] association with [] It is to be noted that the FBI is not presently involved in the SEC - USA investigation of [] However, [] added that FBI assistance may be requested in an investigation to

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reveal that some of [] manipulations were involved in
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Baltimore provided an information copy for possible future and or continuing investigation.

This communication carried as a dual caption for convenience of the Bureau, no known connection exists between the two matters.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: GERALD R. FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE

DATE: October 15, 1973

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At approximately 3:15 PM, William Ruckelshaus, Deputy Attorney General, telephonically inquired of the writer as to whether or not the FBI had been requested up to this time to conduct any investigation concerning Ford. He was informed that no such request had been received.

Ruckelshaus further inquired whether the White House had requested such an investigation and if not what if anything they had requested prior to the President's announcement on Friday evening concerning Vice President Designate Ford. He was informed that the only material furnished to General Haig at the White House resulted from instructions from General Haig to you on Friday afternoon. He was informed that it consisted of cursory summary of a name check which included only information readily available in the Bureau's Washington Headquarters files.

This seemed to satisfy Mr. Ruckelshaus at the moment; however, he indicated that perhaps the White House should initiate a request for a full-field investigation.

At 3:50 PM Mr. Ruckelshaus telephonically contacted the writer and stated the White House had requested that the FBI conduct a full-field investigation concerning Vice President Designate Ford and that it should be very complete and extensive commensurate with the high office he had been designated for.

It was pointed out to Mr. Ruckelshaus that it would be necessary to contact Mr. Ford to get the necessary detailed information on which to conduct such an investigation and that we would get the inquiry underway immediately.

Mr. Ruckelshaus indicated they were preparing a memorandum for guidance of their Press Office in answering inquiries they are receiving and he stated he would furnish the writer a copy of this as soon as it was available. Attached is a copy of the memorandum.*

Assistant Director Cleveland has been advised and will handle this investigation.

- 1 - Mr. Cleveland (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Franck " "

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* NOT PREPARED 10 PM - 10/16/73

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10-16-73

TO SAC RICHMOND

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-9896)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB 10-18-73,
WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TODAY.

SUBMIT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF FORD IN NITEL SUMMARY
FOLLOWED BY REPORT.

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TO SAC RICHMOND
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB 10-18-73,
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PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE
INVOLVED. BORN 7-14-13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES 514 CROWN
VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

CHECK APPROPRIATE STATE INCOME TAX RECORDS RE FORD FOR ANY
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TO SAC DETROIT

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB 10-18-73,
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BUREAU FILES INDICATE THAT DURING BUAP INVESTIGATION OF
FORD BY GRAND RAPIDS OFFICE IN JANUARY, 1942, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, ONE OF THE
PROPRIETORS OF THE LUMBER MARKET, STATED HE HAD KNOWN FORD 8 YEARS,
HAVING BEEN FRATERNITY BROTHERS AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. HE
FURNISHED FAVORABLE COMMENTS. [REDACTED] STATED FORD, WHILE AT
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, HELD VIEW SHARED BY MANY CONTEMPORARIES
THAT WAR WAS ENTIRELY FUTILE AS MEANS OF SETTLING ANYTHING AND
WAS STRONGLY SET AGAINST TAKING PART IN ANY WAR. HE SAID, OUT OF
THESE VIEWS, FORD EVOLVED ADHERENCE TO ISOLATIONIST VIEWPOINT
WHEN WORLD WAR II BEGAN AND AID TO BRITAIN ADVOCATED. HE FURTHER
STATED, MOTIVATED BY ISOLATIONIST VIEWPOINT, FORD JOINED

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RETURN TO MR. AUERSWALD, ROOM 1258.

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TELETYPE TO DETROIT
RE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE WHEN IT WAS FIRST ORGANIZED AT YALE UNIVERSITY BY 2 OF FORD'S FRIENDS IN LAW SCHOOL. HE ADVISED HE WAS CONVINCED FORD HAD NO SUBVERSIVE INTENT. [] SAID WHEN AUTHORITIES AT YALE UNIVERSITY SUGGESTED IT WAS EMBARRASSING TO HAVE HIM ACTIVE IN AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE WHILE ON FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF, HE PROMPTLY SEVERED ALL CONNECTION AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH WILKIE ORGANIZATION.

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ACCORDING TO GRAND RAPIDS 1-22-42 REPORT, []
[] GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, AND
RALPH G. CONGER, 127 CAMPBELL PLACE, N.E., GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, TEACHER AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, WHO HAD KNOWN FORD SINCE CHILDHOOD, FURNISHED FAVORABLE COMMENTS CONCERNING HIM AND GAVE SUBSTANTIALLY SAME INFORMATION AS [] GAVE CONCERNING FORD'S CONNECTION WITH AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE. INVESTIGATION BY NEW HAVEN OFFICE IN JANUARY, 1942, DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE FORD HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE.

OBTAIN CURRENT COMMENTS OF [] AND CONGER DURING INVESTIGATION.

CHECK APPROPRIATE STATE INCOME TAX RECORDS CONCERNING FORD FOR ANY DELINQUENCIES.

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TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD
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DENVER (161-1169)
NEW YORK
BALTIMORE
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB 10-18-73,
WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTELS 10-15-73 AND 10-16-73.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS THIS CASE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. DO NOT
SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARIES OF INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. ALL
OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF RESULTS OF
INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUBHEADINGS WHERE

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TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

APPROPRIATE AS IS DONE IN JUDGESHIP INVESTIGATIONS. SUBMIT 6
COPIES TO BUREAU.

THESE REPORTS MUST BE LETTER PERFECT AND CLEAR AND ALL
INFORMATION THEREIN SHOULD BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND REPORTED.

FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO ANY
ADDITIONAL AUXILIARY OFFICES.

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TO SACS BOSTON
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

GERALD R. FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB 10-18-73,
WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD DATED 10-15-73.

FOR INFORMATION OF BOSTON, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO
CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD WHO
HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE
COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. BORN 7-14-13, OMAHA,
NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES 514 CROWN VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA,
VIRGINIA.

RECENT PRESS ARTICLE INDICATES FORD'S SON, MICHAEL FORD,
AGED 23, IS A FRESHMAN AT GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL,
SOUTH HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

VERIFY SON'S RESIDENCE AND MAKE APPROPRIATE ARREST CHECKS.
SUBMIT RESULTS IN TELETYPE SUMMARY, FOLLOWED BY REPORT.

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TELETYPE TO BOSTON
RE: GERALD R. FORD

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE
MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., LESLIE
KING, JR., SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB 10-18-73, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTELS 10-15-73 AND 10-16-73, ENTITLED GERALD R.
FORD, SPI.

FOR INFORMATION, DURING JANUARY, 1942, BUAP INVESTIGATION
OF FORD, IT WAS REPORTED HE WAS BORN 7-14-13, IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA,
AS LESLIE KING, JR. HIS PARENTS, LESLIE KING AND DOROTHY GARDNER
KING, WERE DIVORCED ON JANUARY 28, 1914, IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA. HIS
FATHER, LESLIE KING, REPORTEDLY DIED IN RIVERTON, WYOMING, PRIOR
TO 1942 INVESTIGATION. FORD'S MOTHER MARRIED GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

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RETURN TO MR. AUERSWALD, ROOM 1258.

TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, ON 2-1-17. ON 12-3-35, IN PROBATE COURT,
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FORD'S NAME WAS CHANGED FROM LESLIE KING, JR.
TO GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.

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10-16-73

To: SAC, Washington Field
From: Director, FBI (161-9896)
GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: COB 10-18-73, WITHOUT FAIL

This will confirm Bureau telephone call 10-16-73.

Bureau files indicate Ford and John R. Stiles authored a book, "Portrait of the Assassin." Review files of Library of Congress for book reviews re this and any other publications authored by Ford during your investigation.

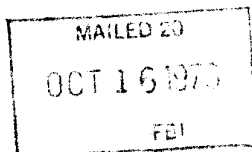
Ford was a member of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. This activity should be verified. In this connection, attempt to interview former Chief Justice Earl Warren or other members of the commission; such as, John Sherman Cooper and John J. McCloy. J. Lee Rankin was the General Counsel.

In connection with previous instructions in Bureau airtel of this date to check records of the Clerk of the House regarding campaign contributions received by Ford, the General Accounting Office should also be contacted for any information pertinent to our investigation. It is noted the General Accounting Office has some investigative jurisdiction in matters pertaining to campaign contributions.

The Washington-Star News 10-14-73 contained an article entitled, "Campaign Donations, Ford Ready for Full Probe," by James R. Polk, in which Polk again refers to information in articles appearing in Washington papers in 1971. A copy of Polk's current article has been furnished to you. It should be reviewed carefully, and the personnel

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Airtel to Washington Field
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

reviewing Clerk of the House and General Accounting Office records should be aware of its contents. In particular, inquiries should be made regarding the reference to a 1966 Seafarers Union contribution of \$2,000 to Ford that his own filing did not list. Disposition of this matter should be determined.

An article entitled, "Ford Backs Mideast Cease-fire," in the 10-15-73 issue of the Washington-Star News contains information that Ford indicated he expects there may be some questions growing out of references to him in the book, "Washington Pay-Off," by Robert N. Winter-Berger. He said "He gives me a bad time, but he gives others a worse time. I have read the book and would be glad to answer questions on it." Obtain the comments of Winter-Berger concerning Ford and ascertain the information which pertains to him in the previously mentioned book. If necessary, submit copy of book. During interview with Winter-Berger ascertain the extent of his association with Ford. Any necessary investigation to confirm or refute allegations concerning Ford should be handled expeditiously.

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10/16/73

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: COB 10/18/73 WITHOUT FAIL

This will confirm Bureau telephone call 10/16/73.

Washington Field refer to your file 58-0 and your airtel 9/9/70 entitled "Gerald R. Ford, Congressman, 5th District of Michigan, Information Concerning: Grand Rapids, Michigan, Federal Office Building." enclosing a letterhead memorandum and a letter submitted by [redacted]

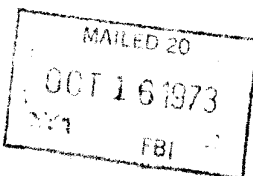
[redacted] It is noted [redacted] outlines circumstances of the acquisition of property for a Federal Post Office in Carbondale, Illinois, and on pages 5 and 6 relates the activities of Congressman Ford in securing funds for a new Federal office building in Grand Rapids, Michigan. [redacted] in the first paragraph, page 6, stated with regard to Ford's activities that he had other facts as to support and contributions made by interested parties. He said he has details on a real case of conspiracy and high handed pressure to get a site acquired and a building constructed. Washington Field is requested to interview [redacted] for his comments concerning Ford and any information concerning the above matter pertinent to the current investigation of Ford.

Washington Field is referred to articles by James R. Polk of the Associated Press which appeared in "The Evening Star" 2/11/7, page A2 entitled "Ford Didn't Report \$11,500 Contributed to his Campaign" and in "The Washington Post" and "Times Herald" page A14 on 2/12/71 entitled "Rep. Ford Failed to Report \$11,500."

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Return to Mr. Bruce [redacted], Room 1250.



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Airtel to Washington Field
Re: Gerald Rudolph Ford

Copies of these articles have previously been furnished to Washington Field. Washington Field is requested to contact the Office of the Clerk of the House and determine the disposition of the matter referred to in the above news story. If the matter was referred to the Department of Justice, the Justice Department should be contacted for the disposition made in this matter. The Bureau furnished to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, on 2/17/71, copies of the above articles and no investigation was conducted by the Bureau in the absence of a specific request.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: COB 10/18/73
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE 10/15/73.

FOR THE INFO OF TAMPA, CLEVELAND, INDIANAPOLIS, AND
BALTIMORE, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE
AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE
PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH
OFFICE INVOLVED.

FORD WAS BORN 7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES
514 CROWN VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. HE HAS A HOME ALSO
AT 1624 SHERMAN STREET, SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

FORD MEMBER OF U.S. CONGRESS SINCE 1948 FROM FIFTH DISTRICT
OF MICHIGAN, GRAND RAPIDS. FORD ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,
1932 TO 1935; RECEIVED AB DEGREE; PLAYED VARSITY FOOTBALL 1932-
1935, WITH THE FOLLOWING: HARRY LAWRENCE NEWMAN, 3145 PALMAIRE
N. - 102 - 1F, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA; MATHEW LOUIS PATONELLI,
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2373 FLEETWOOD DRIVE, SARASOTA, FLORIDA; ^{cor}RUSSELL D. OLIVER,
CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY, CULVER, INDIANA; AND FRANCIS MICHAEL
^{cr}WISTERT, 3822 WEST CENTRAL AVENUE, TOLEDO, OHIO.

FORD WAS A MEMBER OF DELTA CAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY WHILE
AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. FRATERNITY BROTHER FOR THREE YEARS
WAS DAVID HUGH ^{cor}CONKLIN, DUPONT COMPANY, WHO RESIDES AT 3220
SWARTHMOOR ROAD, WESTMORELAND, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW
UNTIL 10/17/73 AS UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC RELATIONS
DEPARTMENT IS PRESENTLY PREPARING A UNIVERSITY RELEASE.
DETROIT WILL REVIEW RECORDS AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS
ON 10/17/73.

TAMPA, CLEVELAND, AND INDIANAPOLIS WILL INTERVIEW
INDIVIDUALS SET OUT ABOVE AND BALTIMORE WILL INTERVIEW
DAVID HUGH CONKLIN.

SUBMIT BY SUMMARY TELETYPE AND FOLLOW WITH REPORT.

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TO DIRECTOR
ALEXANDRIA
BOSTON
SALT LAKE CITY
FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

Mr. Coleman
Room 1200

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COD 10/18/73
WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 10/15/73 AND BUREAU TELETYPE 10/16/73,
6:28 PM.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT FORD HAS
FOUR CHILDREN AS FOLLOWS:

JOHN GARDNER FORD, AGE 21, A STUDENT AN UTAH STATE UNIVER-
SITY, LOGAN, UTAH;

MICHAEL FORD, AGE 23. SOUTH HAMILTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

SUSAN FORD, AGE 16, 514 CROWN VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA,
VIRGINIA;

STEVEN FORD. AGE 17, 514 CROWN VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA,
VIRGINIA.

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ALEXANDRIA AT ALEXANDRIA WILL CONDUCT CRIMINAL AND VERIFY RESIDENCE OF SUSAN AND STEVEN FORD AND WILL DISCREETLY DETERMINE REPUTATION. *col*

BOSTON AT SOUTH HAMILTON, WILL CONDUCT CRIMINAL REGARDING MICHAEL FORD, VERIFY ADDRESS AND DISCREETLY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REGARDING REPUTATION. *cf.*

SALT LAKE CITY AT LOGAN, UTAH, WILL CONDUCT CRIMINAL REGARDING JOHN GARDNER FORD, VERIFY RESIDENCE AND DISCREETLY DETERMINE REPUTATION. *ov*

RESULTS OF INVESTIGANTON WILL BE FURNISHED THE BUREAU IN REPORT FORM AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TELETYPE 10/16/73.

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Mr. Coleman
Room 1240

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8:47 PM URGENT 10/16/73 DLR

TO

DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM

DETROIT (161-1355)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: 10/18/73
WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 10/15/73.

INVESTIGATION REVEALED THE FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF GERALD
R. FORD;

THOMAS GERALD FORD, 900 PINECREST E, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
DOB 7/15/48, BROTHER

RICHARD ADDISON FORD, [REDACTED] GRAND RAPIDS,
MICHIGAN, DOB [REDACTED] BROTHER

JAMES FRANCIS FORD, [REDACTED] GRAND RAPIDS, DOB
[REDACTED] BROTHER

STEPFATHER IS GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, DECEASED 1/26/62.

MOTHER IS DOROTHY GARDENER KING FORD, DECEASED 10/28/67.

WIFE - ELIZABETH BLOOMER WARREN, 55 YEARS OF AGE.

DETROIT INDICES NEGATIVE ON ALL ABOVE LISTED RELATIVES.

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TO DIRECTOR

ALEXANDRIA

FROM ST. LOUIS (161-M) (P) 1P

GERALD R. FORD; SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED 10/18/73, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, 10/15/73.

REVIEW ON 10/16/73, MEDICAL RECORDS ON FILE, NPROC-M, ST,
LOUIS, MO. FOR GERALD R. FORD, U.S.N.R. SERVICE NUMBER 141329,
REVEALED NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION.

PERSONNEL, THIS CENTER, FURTHER ADVISED U.S.N.R. OFFICER
PERSONNEL RECORD NOT LOCATED THIS CENTER AND SHOULD BE LOCATED
BUPERS (E 22), VIP SECTION, ARLINGTON, VA.

ALEXANDRIA LOCATE AND REVIEW. /cor

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530PM NITEL 10/16/73 EMM
TO DIRECTOR
FROM CHICAGO (161-NEW) (P) 1P
GERALD R. FORD, SPI.

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Mr. C. M. [Signature]
Room 1216

APPLICANT IS CURRENT MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, AMERICAN
BAR ASSOCIATION (ABA). NOT SERVING ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES, ABA.
NO RECORD OF GRIEVANCES, NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BAR EXAMINERS,
CHICAGO. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-2322) (P) (3)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., LESLIE KING, JR.,
SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB 10/18/73, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTELS, 10/15/73 AND 10/16/73.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS THIS CASE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. DO NOT
SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARIES OF INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. ALL
OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF RESULTS OF
INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUBHEADINGS WHERE
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APPROPRIATE AS IS DONE IN JUDGESHIP INVESTIGATIONS. SUBMIT 6 COPIES TO BUREAU.

THESE REPORTS MUST BE LETTER PERFECT AND CLEAR AND ALL INFORMATION THEREIN SHOULD BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND REPORTED.

FOR INFORMATION, DURING JANUARY, 1942, BUAP INVESTIGATION OF FORD, IT WAS REPORTED HE WAS BORN 7/14/13, IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AS LESLIE KING, JR. HIS PARENTS, LESLIE KING AND DOROTHY GARDNER KING, WERE DIVORCED ON JANUARY 28, 1914, IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA. HIS FATHER, LESLIE KING, REPORTEDLY DIED IN RIVERON, WYOMING, PRIOR TO 1942 INVESTIGATION. FORD'S MOTHER MARRIED GERALD RUDOLPH FORD IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, ON 2/1/17. ON 12/3/35, IN PROBATE COURT, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FORD'S NAME WAS CHANGED FROM LESLIE KING, JR., TO GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.

NAVY FILE REVIEW DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS FOR APPOINTEE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., NAVY SERIAL NUMBER 141329, SSAN 568-09-1082.

SHIPS AND STATIONS:

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, MD. APRIL, 1942 TO MAY, 1942.

U.S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL, CHAPEL HILL, N.C. MAY, 1942 TO MAY, 1943.

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NEW YORK SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION, CAMDEN, N.J. MAY, 1943 TO JUNE, 1943. *Copy*

USS MONTEREY. JUNE, 1943 TO DECEMBER, 1944.

NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL, ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, CALIF. DECEMBER, 1944 TO APRIL, 1945. ✓

STAFF, NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING COMMAND, NAVAL AIR STATION, GLENVIEW, ILL. APRIL, 1945 TO JANUARY, 1946. *W*

U.S. NAVAL OFFICER, SEPARATION CENTER, GREAT LAKES, ILL., (SEPARATION PROCESSING), JANUARY, 1946 TO FEBRUARY, 1946.

ALL OFFICES CHECK APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES RE EACH PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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11:08 PM URGENT 10/16/73 GJW

TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

ALEXANDRIA

FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

GERALD R. FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: COB 10/18/73
WITHOUT FAIL.

Mr. Tolson
Room 1245

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THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED FOR THE
ASSISTANCE OF ALEXANDRIA AND WASHINGTON FIELD AND NO
LEADS BEING SET OUT DUE TO NEBULOUS NATURE OF INFORMATION.
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TO DIRECTOR

MIAMI

FROM DENVER (161-1169) (P) 2P

GERALD R. FORD, SPI, BUDED: 10-18-73, WITHOUT FAIL.

FOR INFORMATION MIAMI, BUREAU ADVISED FBI REQUESTED
TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF
FORD, VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, AND THAT IT BE DONE
COMMENSURATE WITH THE HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. SEE 37TH
EDITION WHO'S WHO FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND DATA.

AMONG SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY BUREAU TO OFFICES
WAS TO INTERVIEW NATIONAL LABOR OFFICIALS. PRESS ACCOUNTS
TODAY INDICATE AFL-CIO ^{NOW IN} ~~WGIN~~ NATIONAL CONVENTION AT BAL
HARBOUR, FLORIDA. [REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO PRESIDENT A. F. GROSPIRON, OIL, CHEMICAL, AND ATOMIC
WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION (OCAW), HEADQUARTERED AT DENVER,
STATES GROSPIRON IS ATTENDING THE CONVENTION AND STAYING
AT THE AMERICANA HOTEL, BAL HARBOUR, AND NOT TO RETURN TO
DENVER UNTIL 10-20-73.

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Room 446

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SPOKESMAN GEORGE ROE, INTERNATIONAL TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION (ITU), COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, STATES ITU PRESIDENT JOHN J. PILCH IS ALSO IN FLORIDA ATTENDING THE CONVENTION. HE IS STOPPING AT THE BAL MORAL HOTEL, BAL HARBOUR, AND NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO COLORADO SPRINGS UNTIL THIS WEEKEND.

THE OCAW AND ITU ARE THE ONLY MAJOR UNIONS KNOWN TO BE HEADQUARTERED IN COLORADO.

MIAMI AT BAL HARBOUR, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GROSPIRON AND PILCH RE FORD. BUREAU INSTRUCTS RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE BE SUBMITTED BY NITEL SUMMARIES FOLLOWED BY REPORTS.

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11:46 PM NITEL 10/16/73 JWH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM BALTIMORE (161-FH) (RUC)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA, SPIN. BUDED: 10/18/73.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD, 10/15/73.

DCII, FORT HOLABIRD, MARYLAND, REVEALED INFORMATION
IDENTICAL WITH THE APPOINTEE IS LOCATED IN THE FILES OF THE U. S.
NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE (NIS) FILE 1970, L-NNIS NUMBER
D 248066.

ALEXANDRIA TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE REGARDING NIS
FILE AND WILL HANDLE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO ALEXANDRIA.

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TO DIRECTOR

MIAMI

FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

GERALD R. FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED, COB 10/18/73,
WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUTEL 10/16/73, 6:28PM.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE
AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED
VICE-PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH
HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.

BORN 7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES 514
CROWN VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. HE ALSO HAS A HOME
AT 1624 SHERMAN STREET, SOUTHEAST, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.
EUGENE R. BEYER, REPRESENTATIVE OF REGION 7, ALLIED
INDUSTRIAL WORKERS (AIW), AFL-CIO, LANSING, MICHIGAN, ADVISED
OFFICIALS OF THE AIW FROM MICHIGAN ARE PRESENTLY ATTENDING
THE NATIONAL AFL-CIO CONFERENCE AT BAL HARBOUR, FLORIDA. THE
CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FROM 10/18/73, TO 10/24/73. OFFICIALS
FROM MICHIGAN ARE LODGED AT THE AMERICANA HOTEL, BAL HARBOUR,
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FLORIDA.

BEYER ADVISED THE FOLLOWING UNION OFFICIALS WOULD POSSIBLY BE ACQUAINTED WITH FORD AND KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING ANY CONTACT FORD HAS MADE WITH THE UNION IN MICHIGAN. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WILLIAM MARSHALL, PRESIDENT, MICHIGAN STATE AFL-CIO.

WALTER CAMPBELL, SECRETARY TREASURER, MICHIGAN STATE AFL-CIO.

ROBERT D. BRENNER, DIRECTOR OF REGION 7, AIW, AFL-CIO.

WILLIAM BRAMAN, PRESIDENT, GREATER LANSING, MICHIGAN, AFL-CIO.

IN ADDITION MYRA WOLFGANG, PRESIDENT, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS AND BARTENDERS INTERNATIONAL UNION PRESENTLY STAYING AT IVANHOE HOTEL, MIAMI, AND IS BELIEVED TO BE ACQUAINTED WITH FORD.

MIAMI DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THE ABOVE LISTED AND OBTAIN ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR CONTACT WITH FORD AND ALSO ASCERTAIN THE NAMES OF ANY ADDITIONAL UNION OFFICIALS WHO MAY HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING FORD.

SUBMIT RESULTS IN REPORT FORM AS SET FORTH IN REBUTEL.97

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TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES

FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

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GERALD R. FORD, AKA, LESLIE KING, JR., FBI, BUDED 10/18/73,
WITHOUT FAIL.

Mr. Callahan
Room 1216

GERALD R. FORD IS VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINEE, BORN
7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. MEMBER OF UNITED STATES CONGRESS
SINCE 1948, FROM 5TH DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND RAPIDS,
MICHIGAN.

FORMER DEMOCRATIC STATE CHAIRMAN FOR THE STATE OF
MICHIGAN, NEIL STAEBLER, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, IS PRESENTLY
TRAVELING IN WESTERN UNITED STATES AND AS OF THIS DATE, WILL
BE IN CARE OF [REDACTED] CLAIRMONT, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE
NUMBER [REDACTED] "RPT" [REDACTED] STAEBLER WAS
DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FROM 1948 TO
1962. BELIEVED HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH GERALD FORD FROM
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

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LOS ANGELES WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
STAEBLER OR SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED. SUMMARY
TELETYPE NOT REQUIRED HOWEVER REPORT IN SIX COPIES MUST
REACH BUREAU NLT COB 10/18/73.

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3:34 PM URGENT 10-16-73 NMG

TO DIRECTOR

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FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 1P

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: COB 10/18/73
WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 10/15/73.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE CINCINNATI OFFICE, BUREAU HAS
BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE AND EXTENSIVE
INVESTIGATION OF FORD WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT.
INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.

FORD WAS BORN 7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA AND RESIDES 514
CROWN VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. HE ALSO HAS A HOME
AT 1624 SHERMAN STREET SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

[REDACTED] LAW CLERK FOR JUDGE WADE H. MC CREE,
ADVISED U.S. 6TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE MC CREE
AND JUDGE GEORGE C. EDWARDS ARE IN CINCINNATI OFFICE
CHAMBERS, TELEPHONE NUMBER 513-684-2977.

CINCINNATI INTERVIEW RE KNOWLEDGE OF APPOINTEE AND SUBMIT BY
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TO DIRECTOR
INDIANAPOLIS
KANSAS CITY
FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 2P

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TELETYPE

GERALD R. FORD, SPIN, BUDED COB 10/18/73, WITHOUT FAIL.

Mr. Chairman
Room 1246

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD, 10/15/73.
BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE AND
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE
PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH
OFFICE INVOLVED.

FORD WAS BORN 7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, RESIDES AT 514
CROWN VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. HE ALSO HAS A HOME
AT 1624 SHERMAN STREET, SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

INVESTIGATION DEVELOPED AT DETROIT, REVEALS THAT LEWIS
WEIL, FORMER PUBLISHER, FORD JOURNAL, LANSING, MICHIGAN,
SPONSORED FORD'S FIRST RACE FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN
1948.

INFORMATION ALSO DEVELOPED THAT JAMES MC NEELY, FORMER
CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC PARTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, NOW RESIDES
IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

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LEADS, INDIANAPOLIS, AT LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, INTERVIEW
[REDACTED] CARE OF JOURNAL AND COURIER, 217 NORTH SIXTY
STREET, LAFAYETTE, INDIANA. / Done

KANSAS CITY, AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, INTERVIEW JAMES
MC NEELY, 4722 BROADWAY, BUSINESS TELEPHONE 816-531-8104,
RESIDENCE PHONE [REDACTED] / Done

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2:45 PM URGENT 10-16-73 NMG

TO DIRECTOR

MILWAUKEE *Duc*

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 3P

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GERALD R. FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: COB 10/18/73,
WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL, 10/15/73.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF MILWAUKEE, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED
TO CONDUCT VERY EXPEDITE AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF FORD
WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE
COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED.

FORD BORN 7/14/13, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AND RESIDES 514
CROWN VIEW DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. HE ALSO HAS A HOME
AT 1624 SHERMAN STREET, SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

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[REDACTED] (PROTECT), ADVISED 10/16/73

THAT GERALD R. FORD AND SENATOR WILLIAM PROXMIRE OF WISCONSIN
INTRODUCED A PRIVATE BILL TO ALLOW AN ALIEN, [REDACTED]
BORN [REDACTED] TO REMAIN IN U.S. THIS BILL EXPIRED WITHOUT ACTION.

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[REDACTED] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, INS, DETROIT, ADVISED 10/16/73 THAT [REDACTED] AN ILLEGAL ALIEN, WAS ARRESTED IN 1972 AT AMERY, WISCONSIN, AS A RESULT OF LEAD DEVELOPED DURING ORGANIZED CRIME INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED ON TERRANOVA FAMILY IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. TERRANOVA FAMILY CONTROLS F&A CHEESE COMPANY, 5180 KALAMAZOO SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, AND CONTROLS F&A DAIRY PRODUCTS COMPANY, AMERY, WISCONSIN.

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[REDACTED] AT TIME OF ARREST WAS EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] INS, MILWAUKEE, IS FAMILIAR WITH ARREST OF [REDACTED] AND AFFILIATION OF ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES WITH F&A DAIRY PRODUCTS COMPANY.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

REVIEW INDICES CONCERNING [REDACTED] AND F&A DAIRY PRODUCTS COMPANY.

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INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN DETAILS OF ARREST OF [REDACTED] AND DISPOSITION.

AT AMERY, WISCONSIN, CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES CONCERNING BELL CHEESE COMPANY IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING PRIVATE BILL SPONSORED BY FORD AND PROXMIRE.

WASHINGTON FIELD AT WASHINGTON, D.C. WILL DETERMINE IF FORD AND PROXMIRE INTRODUCED PRIVATE BILL IN 1972 FOR THE BENEFIT OF [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY ACTION CONCERNING THIS BILL.

DETROIT AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN WILL REVIEW INS FILE CONCERNING F&A CHEESE COMPANY AND OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING LEADS LEADING UP TO ARREST OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN WILL CONTACT ESTABLISHED SOURCES FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING POSSIBLE CONNECTION OF FORD WITH F&A CHEESE COMPANY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

FROM : R.R. Franck *RRF/gid*

SUBJECT: GERALD R. FORD
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE
HANDLING OF PRESS INQUIRIES

DATE: 10/16/73

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Conversation was had this morning with Jack Hushen, Director of Public Information in the Department, concerning the handling of press inquiries with respect to our ongoing full field investigation concerning Mr. Ford. Hushen indicated that the Department is not making any release concerning this matter but is referring all inquiries to the White House Press Office in line with an agreement reached with the White House. Hushen suggested that we handle press inquiries concerning this matter in the same way.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Press Services Office

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October 16, 1973

TO THE DIRECTOR:

SAC Neil Welch, Detroit Office, has just read to me a statement he proposes to release when press inquiries are received concerning the FBI investigation of Congressman Gerald R. Ford. The release reads as follows:

"FBI announced today it is conducting a background investigation concerning Congressman Gerald R. Ford who has been nominated by the President to be Vice President. In connection with its investigation, the FBI is soliciting the views and comments of the public and anyone wishing to do so may contact the nearest FBI office."

This seems in order to me and also to Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Callahan. If you approve, I will immediately so advise SAC Welch. Deputy Attorney General Ruckelshaus advises that the FBI can make such a release.

R. R. FRANCK

RRF:asg

As not make a formal release - just that we are conducting, etc." I do not agree to comment in connection with, etc. - why this? R

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 10-16-73

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: GERALD R. FORD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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At 9:20 a.m. on 10-16-73, SAC Welch of the Detroit Office telephonically advised that he had 40 Agents assigned to captioned investigation in an effort to meet the deadline set by the Bureau. He proposed that he advise the local press that the FBI had been requested to conduct this investigation, with the thought in mind that such press coverage might influence individuals to contact the FBI with information they may possess regarding Mr. Ford. Welch was advised that the Department was contemplating making a release on the evening of 10-15-73, regarding our having been requested to conduct this investigation, and if such a release had been made it would probably be appropriate for him to "answer inquiries" based on the Department's release. I told him I would check and call him back.

Inspector [] of the External Affairs Division checked with John Hushen in the Departmental Press Office who advised that his office had been instructed not to make a release and not to answer press inquiries regarding the FBI investigation of Mr. Ford. Hushen stated that their instructions were that all press inquiries should be referred to the White House Press Office.

The above information was furnished to Mr. Callahan who advised that he had a call in for Deputy Attorney General Ruckelshaus and that he would ask Ruckelshaus regarding a release in connection with the Ford investigation.

ACTION:

After talking to Mr. Ruckelshaus at 4:45 p.m. on 10-16-73, SAC Welch was told that he had been authorized by the Department to release a brief press release advising that the FBI was conducting an investigation of Mr. Ford.

- 1 - Mr. Franck, Attention: []
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Coleman

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TO : Mr. Cleveland *WEC*

FROM : O. E. Coleman *CEC*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 10-16-73

Reference is made to my memorandum of this date indicating that an appointment had been made with Mr. Ford's office at 10:00 a.m. today to obtain from him the necessary background data and other material needed for this investigation. *WEC*

Special Agent Richard Taylor of the Washington Field Office has advised that at the appointed time he was able to speak just momentarily to Mr. Ford to advise him generally of the information desired. Mr. Ford advised that because of his extremely tight schedule today he would not be able to sit down and discuss this matter with Agent Taylor until 5:15 p.m. today. At that time he said he would set aside sufficient time to confer with Agent Taylor and furnish the required data or to make arrangements to do so where it is not presently available.

ACTION:

For information.

WEC *K*

10-16-73

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Franck
1 - Mr. Cleveland

1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Young
1 - Mr. Auerswald

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SALT LAKE CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/16/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/16/73
TITLE OF CASE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, aka Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., Leslie King, Jr.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY lbp
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCES: Bureau teletypes (4) dated 10/15/73 and 10/16/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigation in the Salt Lake City Division consisted only of arrest checks, residence verification and discreet inquiry as to appointee's son's reputation. Thus, the only heading utilized will be "Family Member".

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Date:

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10/16/73

Office: Salt Lake City, Utah

Field Office File #:

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Title:

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

No derogatory information developed at Logan, Utah, regarding appointee's son, JOHN GARDNER FORD, a student at Utah State University. No arrest record located for son, JOHN GARDNER FORD, at Logan, or in records of Utah Bureau of Identification at Salt Lake City, Utah.

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DETAILS:

FAMILY MEMBER

The following investigation was conducted at Logan, Utah, by SA [REDACTED] on October 16, 1973, strictly regarding the appointee's son, JOHN GARDNER FORD:

Education

[REDACTED] Admissions and Records Office, Old Main Building, Utah State University (USU), provided the transcript of the appointee's son, JOHN GARDNER FORD, which showed his father's name as being GERALD R. FORD. The son's date of birth is [REDACTED] place of birth, Washington, D. C.; Social Security Account Number [REDACTED] and his permanent residence is indicated as [REDACTED]

The transcript has credits on it from Jacksonville University at Jacksonville, Florida, consisting of 79½ units of work for the academic years 1970-1971 and 1971-1972 [REDACTED]

There were no notations of scholastic probation or disciplinary action noted on the transcript.

FORD entered USU in the winter quarter of the academic year 1972-73 (beginning the middle of January, 1973) as a Liberal Studies Major and attended USU in the spring quarter of that year as a Forestry Recreation Major in the Forestry Department. He also attended the summer quarter of the 1973 year which began in June of 1973 and ended the first or second week of August, 1973. He is currently registered in the fall quarter of the academic year 1973-1974, which began in late September, 1973.

[REDACTED] Financial Aids Officer, Old Main Building, USU, searched the Dean's confidential files and determined no disciplinary action or unfavorable comment had been recorded regarding JOHN GARDNER FORD.

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Residence

[redacted] above, determined that FORD is currently residing at [redacted]

Detective [redacted] Logan Police Department, made inquiry and determined that the owner of the house, consisting of several apartments, at [redacted] was [redacted] who is employed at [redacted]

[redacted] residence [redacted] Logan, was advised of the confidential nature of the inquiry regarding JOHN GARDNER FORD, after which he stated FORD and his roommates made the arrangements to rent the apartments in his rental house in early June, 1973, at which time two of them moved in. FORD and another boy did not move in until September 1, 1973. He advised they are all gentlemen, have caused no damage to his rental unit, and as far as he is concerned they have been the best tenants he has had. He advised he had commented to his wife this fact prior to the time young FORD obtained such publicity. He advised he has had no difficulties with any of the boys, including FORD, and does not expect to have any. He has had no complaints regarding any of the boys living in the house.

Arrest Checks.

[redacted] Secretary, Logan Police Department, and Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Cache County Sheriff's Office, Logan, Utah, both searched their files and located no arrest record or reference for JOHN GARDNER FORD.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special
Clerk [REDACTED] at Salt Lake City, Utah, on October 16,
1973:

[REDACTED] Utah Bureau of Identification, advised
no record of arrest could be located for appointee's son,
JOHN GARDNER FORD, in the State of Utah.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *W*

FROM : Mr. Coleman *CEC*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 10-16-73

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Reference is made to Mr. Callahan's memorandum to the Director dated 10-15-73, which advised that the Deputy Attorney General had advised Mr. Callahan that The White House desired a very complete and extensive background investigation of Mr. Ford commensurate with the high office to which he has been appointed. *CEC*
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The investigation was ordered to the field in the late afternoon, 10-15-73, for immediate attention. Mr. Ford was in Portland, Oregon, on 10-15-73, but was returning to Washington in the evening and we have an appointment with him at 10:00 a.m. today to obtain necessary background data and material.

In the usual special inquiry investigation for Presidential appointees, we cover an individual's entire adult life, including his character, loyalty, general standing, and ability. We make no inquiries into the sources of income unless some specific allegation is made regarding improprieties in that field. However, in instant investigation, commensurate with the instructions of the Deputy Attorney General, we have instructed the field to obtain from Mr. Ford a complete financial statement; including real estate holdings, mortgages and loans, business interests, and any other income, and any bank accounts both checking and savings. We will also obtain any available copies of Federal and State income tax returns, as well as necessary authorization from him to obtain information from banks and other business institutions with which he has dealt.

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Franck
1 - Mr. Cleveland

1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Young
1 - Mr. Amerswald

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
RE: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Other facets of investigation began last night and additional leads will be furnished to the field as quickly as the foregoing information is received from Mr. Ford.

In accordance with our established procedure concerning highly prominent persons such as Ford, we instructed the field to conduct no neighborhood investigation concerning him (he resides in Alexandria) unless some reason for doing so arises at which time Bureau approval will be secured.

ACTION:

For information.

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**TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

**GERALD R. FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB 10-18-73,
WITHOUT FAIL.**

REBUTEL 10-15-73.

**SUBMIT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION THIS CASE IN NITEL
SUMMARIES FOLLOWED BY REPORTS.**

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11:55 AM URGENT 10-17-73 NMG

TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 2P

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 10/17/73 WITHOUT
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, 10/15/73.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT REFLECTS THAT WASHINGTON CORRESPON-
DENTS FOR THE TWO MAJOR DETROIT NEWSPAPERS WOULD BE IN A POSITION
TO HAVE PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING FORD. REPORTERS IN
WASHINGTON FOR THE DETROIT NEWS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] DETROIT NEWS, WASHINGTON BUREAU; AND
CORRESPONDANTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]; ALL LOCATED AT
511 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C., TELEPHONE NUMBER
NA8-4566.

WASHINGTON REPORTERS FOR THE DETROIT FREE PRESS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] CURRENTLY IN ISRAEL; AND [REDACTED] NATIONAL
PRESS CLUB BUILDING, TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

WASHINGTON FIELD AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: INTERVIEW THE ABOVE
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REPORTERS, EXCEPTING [REDACTED], REGARDING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF
GERALD FORD.

WILL DETERMINE FROM [REDACTED] THE EXPECTED RETURN DATE OF
[REDACTED] AND APPROPRIATE, WILL CONSIDER INTERVIEW AT A
LATER DATE.

IT IS NOTED THAT BUREAU DEADLINE IN THIS CASE HAS BEEN
CHANGED FROM CLOSE OF BUSINESS 10/18/73 TO THE OPENING OF BUSINESS
10/18/73.

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1:05 PM IMMEDIATE 10/17/73 GJW

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NICHOLAS P. CALLAHAN)
FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 10/17/73
WITHOUT FAIL.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN RELATIVE
TO INTERVIEWS ON CAPITOL HILL; HOWEVER, I FEEL IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE
THAT THE ENTIRE MICHIGAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, INDIVIDUALS
ALL OF WHOM HAVE CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE, BE
INTERVIEWED BY FBI PERSONNEL AT WASHINGTON, D.C. PURPOSE OF
INTERVIEW SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE MADE CLEAR THAT FBI NOT INTERESTED
IN HOW THIS PERSON WILL VOTE ON CONFIRMATION BUT RATHER TO OBTAIN
ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO BACKGROUND, QUALIFICATIONS,
ETC, OF NOMINEE.

BUREAU ADVICE REQUESTED.

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CC - MR. CLEVELAND

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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM DETROIT (161-1355) 2P

Mr. Conrad
Room 1246

GERALD R. FORD, AKA; SPECIAL INQUIRY; SPIN. BUDED COB 10/17/73.

INVESTIGATION, THIS DATE, AT LANSING, MICHIGAN, STATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REVEALED THAT THAT AGENCY MAINTAINS XEROX COPIES OF LISTS OF CONTRIBUTORS AND EXPENDITURES REGARDING GERALD FORD'S LAST TWO CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS. ELECTION COMMISSION, LANSING, ADVISED THAT ORIGINALS OF THESE DOCUMENTS, GOING BACK THE LAST TEN YEARS, ARE FILED WITH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D.C. ELECTIONS COMMISSION ADVISED THIS PROCEDURE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN LAWS.

INVESTIGATION AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, THIS DATE, REVEALED THAT APPOINTEE IS MEMEBER OF THE BURNING TREE COUNTRY CLUB IN MARYLAND. REVEIW OF APPOINTEES FINANCIAL RECORDS AT GRAND RAPIDS, INDICATED THAT APPOINTEE'S DUES WERE PAID TO THE COUNTRY CLUB IN JANUARY, 1972, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$570.00.

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WFO (1) WILL REVIEW CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS AND EXPENDITURES
REPORT ON FILE AT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING LAST FIVE
CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS OF APPOINTEE FOR INFORMATION OF
PERTINENCE.

(2) WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT BURNING
TREE COUNTRY CLUB.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ALEXANDRIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/17/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/15 - 17/73
TITLE OF CASE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, aka Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., Leslie King, Jr.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY jcr
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Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Alexandria, Virginia
Date: 10/17/73
Field Office File #: 161-2322 Bureau File #:
Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

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No arrest records located Northern Virginia area regarding
appointee or family. CIA files [REDACTED] Grievance
[REDACTED]
Committees negative. Review of military records set forth.
Associate and pastor recommend appointee and family. Land
Records, Alexandria, Virginia, reviewed.

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DETAILS:

ARREST RECORDS

SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Alexandria, Virginia, Police Department, the Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department, and the Falls Church, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on October 16, 1973, that no record was located concerning the appointee or his family in any of the above.

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SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on October 16, 1973, that no record was located concerning the appointee.

SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Vienna, Virginia, Police Department, and the Fairfax City, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on October 16, 1973, that no record was located concerning the appointee.

It is noted that the appointee's children STEVEN and SUSAN FORD are under eighteen years of age, and the Juvenile Police records are protected by law.

CIA

SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency, []

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MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

On October 16, 1973, at Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Annex, Arlington, Virginia, SE [] reviewed the officer personnel file of the appointee, which reflected his date of birth as July 14, 1913, at Omaha, Nebraska.

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The appointee's file revealed that he received a direct appointment as an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve on April 13, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan. He reported for active duty on April 20, 1942, at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. He was promoted to Lieutenant, Junior Grade, on June 2, 1942, and to Lieutenant on March 1, 1943, and to Lieutenant Commander on October 3, 1945. He was released from active duty under honorable conditions on February 23, 1946. The appointee had active duty from April 20, 1942, to February 23, 1946. On May 17, 1963, he submitted his resignation from the U. S. Naval Service. In accordance with his request and by direction of the President, his resignation from the U. S. Naval Reserve was accepted under honorable conditions, effective June 28, 1963, as a Lieutenant Commander.

The file reflected that the appointee was born as LESLIE KING, JR., on July 14, 1913, at Omaha, Nebraska. Father was LESLIE KING, and his mother was DOROTHY GARDNER. The appointee's father was born at Casper, Wyoming, and his mother was born at Harvard, Illinois.

The appointee was assigned the following duty stations, while he was in the U. S. Naval Reserve:

U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, from April, 1942, to May, 1942.

U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, from May, 1942, to May, 1943.

New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, New Jersey, from May, 1943, to June, 1943.

USS Monterey, from June, 1943, to December, 1944.

Navy Pre-Flight School, Saint Mary's College, California, from December, 1944, to April, 1945.

Staff, Naval Reserve Training Command, Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois, from April, 1945, to January, 1946.

U. S. Naval Officer, Separation Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, (Separation Processing), from January, 1946, to February, 1946.

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The records did not indicate that any clearance was granted to the appointee while he was in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

The appointee was awarded the following:

American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War Two Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars.

The appointee's fitness reports were favorable, and the file contained no information of a derogatory nature.

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NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE

On October 16, 1973, records of Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII), Fort Holabird, Maryland, were reviewed, and they indicated a possible record for the appointee at Naval Investigative Service, Alexandria, Virginia.

On October 16, 1973, SC [] reviewed the record of the appointee at Naval Investigative Service Headquarters (NISHQ), Hoffman Building Number One, Alexandria, Virginia.

This record reveals that Naval Investigative Service instigated an investigation on February 3, 1942, after receiving a request from the appointee for a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve. This investigation was closed and canceled in May, 1942, inasmuch as the appointee was no longer being considered for a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

The file contained no additional information or anything of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee.

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GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

On October 15, 1973, RUSSELL E. SHERMAN, Chairman, Tenth District Bar Association, Grievance Committee, 2014 16th Street, Arlington, Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] that there is no listing for the appointee.

He stated that nothing of an unfavorable or derogatory nature has ever come to his attention concerning the appointee, and he had the highest regard for him as a public servant.

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On October 17, 1973, DON WELLS, Chairman, Eighth District Bar Association, Grievance Committee, 122 South Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] that there is no listing for the appointee, and he does not believe that he is a practicing attorney in the state of Virginia.

He stated that he knows of nothing unfavorable or derogatory concerning the appointee.

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REVIEW OF LAND RECORDS,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Grantee-Grantor Index as to Land Records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, were reviewed on October 17, 1973, by SA [redacted] and it was ascertained that appointee on March 7, 1955, purchased property in the city of Alexandria from R. J. Beech, Incorporated, as recorded in Deed Book 402, page 155. A Deed of Trust on this property, described as Lot 4, Block 3, Section 4, in the Clover Subdivision, was executed on March 15, 1955, as recorded in Deed Book 402, page 157. This Deed of Trust was in the amount of \$21,000 with First Federal Savings and Loan of Alexandria, and was satisfied on November 4, 1965. Records further reflect that appointee entered into a second Deed of Trust upon instant property on December 22, 1958, as recorded in Deed Book 481, page 567. This Deed of Trust was in the amount of \$2700 with the First Federal Savings and Loan of Alexandria and was recorded as satisfied on November 23, 1960. Records reflect that on November 17, 1961, appointee filed a Deed of Trust on instant property to secure payment of \$7,000 note with the First Federal Savings and Loan of Alexandria. This Deed of Trust was recorded in Deed Book 543, page 630, and shown to have been cancelled on December 4, 1964.

Review of Land Records reveal no restrictive covenants as to race, creed, color or religion.

ASSOCIATE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [] on October 17, 1973:

MARSHALL BEVERLY, Vice President, United Virginia Bank/First and Citizens National, 515 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, advised he has known the appointee and family on a social basis for approximately ten years. He related that he has been active in politics in the Alexandria, Virginia, area in that he formerly was Mayor of Alexandria and is a relative of Senator HARRY BYRD of Virginia. The appointee, at BEVERLY's invitation, has been a speaker before the Rotary Club of Alexandria and has attended other functions occurring in Alexandria and further recalls that on one occasion he gave the appointee a ride in his 1915 Model T Ford which he highly prizes as an antique.

BEVERLY pointed out appointee had lived only about three blocks from his residence and thus his children and the appointee's children are friends and associates. Appointee is a very likable, personable individual and is well known in his neighborhood. He pointed out that although appointee due to press of business often times is away from home, or comes home late, he still takes time out to play football with the boys on the street and further attends local football games with them.

Appointee resides with his wife ELIZABETH at 514 Crown View Drive, Alexandria, with their four children, MICHAEL, JOHN, STEVEN and SUSAN. MICHAEL and JOHN presently are both away at college, JOHN attending college somewhere in Utah and MICHAEL in Massachusetts. STEVEN presently attends T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia, and SUSAN attends Holton Arms School in Bethesda, Maryland.

BEVERLY related the President could not have made a better choice in selecting the appointee as Vice President. He is a very capable, able individual, one who has excellent qualifications for the position inasmuch as he has demonstrated his leadership in Congress during the past 25 years of service as a member of the House. He has the ability to restore the peoples' faith in government and could become the country's

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greatest Vice President to date. He therefore recommends him as to character, loyalty and associates for a highly trusted and responsible position in the Government.

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MISCELLANEOUS

On October 17, 1973, Reverend WILLIAM L. BOLS, JR., Immanuel Church on the Hill, 3603 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] that the appointee and his family have been members of his church for several years and enjoy an excellent reputation among the members.

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He said that he was assigned to the church on April 16, 1972, and is relatively new to the area, however, he has met the appointee on a few occasions, and he has the highest regard for the appointee. He stated that nothing of an unfavorable or derogatory nature has come to his attention concerning the appointee. He also stated that the appointee's family is highly regarded by the members of the church, and he had no hesitation in recommending the appointee. He said that he believes the appointee would make an excellent Vice-President of the United States.

Reverend DOLS stated that he replaced Reverend H. COLEMAN MC GEEHEE, who is now an Episcopal Bishop in Detroit, Michigan.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Indices of the Baltimore Office contain no reference to appointee or to DAVID HUGH CONKLIN, MARJORIE KING WERNER and ALTON A. WERNER.

Alexandria has been requested to handle check of NIS file.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: BALTIMORE
Date: OCTOBER 17, 1973
Field Office File #: BA 161-3620 Bureau File #:
Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: DAVID HUGH CONKLIN, Close Associate, favorably recommends appointee. No record of appointee in files of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Credit and Criminal checks, Annapolis, Maryland, negative. DCII, Fort Holabird, Maryland, reflects NIS file. Results of review of NIS file will appear elsewhere in this investigation. Residence of half-sister, Mrs. MARJORIE WERNER, Cumberland, Maryland, verified. - RUC -

DETAILS:CLOSE ASSOCIATE

On October 17, 1973, Mr. DAVID HUGH CONKLIN, Assistant to the Vice President, International Division, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, who resides at 3220 Swarthmore Road, Wilmington, Delaware, was interviewed at his place of employment. He advised that he has known appointee since 1931.

During the year of 1931 they were fellow opponents in high school football. The appointee was the Center on the Grand Rapids, Michigan High School Football team and he, CONKLIN, was a Center on the Battle Creek, Michigan High School Football team. From 1932 to 1935, they were classmates at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and they were also members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at the University of Michigan from 1932-1935. Since 1935 they have been friends and social acquaintances.

CONKLIN described the appointee as one of the finest persons in the United States, a very idealistic man of the highest integrity and sincerity, a very hardworking and conscientious person, whose character and reputation are of the highest caliber. The appointee is an excellent executive and administrator, who is highly regarded by everybody with whom he comes in contact. He stated that appointee's loyalty to the United States is beyond reproach and that his associates are all very reputable people. He recommended the appointee for any position of confidence and trust which might be forthcoming to him.

CONKLIN further advised that all members of the appointee's family are very reputable people.

MILITARY SERVICE

[redacted] Transcripts and Record Department, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, advised on October 17, 1973, that a thorough search of the records in her department failed to locate any record of GERALD RUDOLPH FORD as ever having been assigned at the United States Naval Academy. She stated this included the Naval Reserve Officers Program. She added a record this old could have been destroyed, however.

The Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII), Fort Holabird, Maryland, comprising indices to Army, Navy, and Air Force Investigative Files was checked through a representative of that agency on October 16, 1973 and disclosed information identical with the appointee is located in the files of the United States Naval Investigative Service (NIS), file 1970, L-NNIS #D 248066.

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Information regarding this file review will appear elsewhere in this investigation.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

On October 17, 1973, [redacted] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Annapolis, Inc., Annapolis, Maryland, advised that a search of her records did not disclose any reference regarding GERALD RUDOLPH FORD.

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[redacted] Secretary, Annapolis City Police Department, Annapolis, Maryland, advised on October 17, 1973, that the name of GERALD RUDOLPH FORD is not recorded anywhere in the records of her department.

On October 17, 1973, [redacted] Clerk, Central Records Bureau, Anne Arundel County Police Department, Millersville, Maryland, advised she could locate no record of GERALD RUDOLPH FORD in the records of her department.

VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCE OF RELATIVES

On October 17, 1973, [redacted]
[redacted] Cumberland, Maryland, advised SA [redacted] that she has been a next door neighbor to Mrs. MARJORIE KING WERNER and her husband, ALTON A. WERNER at 304 Sunset Drive, Cumberland, Maryland, for the past year. [redacted] advised that [redacted] and Mr. WERNER are both employed at Kelly Springfield Company, Cumberland, Maryland, where Mr. WERNER is the Personnel Director. She advised that both are very fine people, enjoy an excellent reputation in the neighborhood and there is no question concerning their loyalty to the United States.

On October 17, 1973, [redacted]
[redacted] Cumberland, Maryland, advised that she is well acquainted with MARJORIE and ALTON WERNER stating that they both enjoy an excellent reputation and she knows of nothing derogatory concerning their character and general reputation.

Chief of Police WILBUR E. SHANK, Cumberland, Maryland Police Department, Cumberland, Maryland, advised SA [redacted] on October 17, 1973, that his files contain no record of Mrs. MARJORIE KING WERNER or ALTON A. WERNER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-9324) (P)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, AKA, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:
COB 10/17/73.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELEPHONE CALL, 10/17/73,
AND FACSIMILE, "WASHINGTON STAR" NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT TITLED,
"DONORS TO FORD UNKNOWN."

THIS WILL CONFIRM REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL. WASHINGTON
FIELD OFFICE DETERMINED FROM MR. CHARLES MARCK, THE COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN OF THE REELECTION FOR GERALD FORD CAMPAIGN THAT THE
\$38,216 COLLECTED DURING THE 1972 FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN WAS
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G. MORTON, NOW DECEASED, AND REPORTED IN REFERENCED NEWSPAPER
ARTICLE. MARCK INDICATED THAT THIS FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN
MONEY WAS COLLECTED IN MARCH OF 1972, AT A ONE HUNDRED DOL-
LAR A PLATE DINNER AT THE CAPITOL HILL CLUB IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
MR. MARCK INDICATED THAT THIS DINNER WAS ATTENDED BY FOUR OR
FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS, NAMES OF WHICH HE COULD NOT RECALL.

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MARCK INDICATED HE SIGNED A TRANSFERAL LETTER PRESENTED TO HIM BY MR. MORTON ON APRIL 5 OR 6, 1972, IN WHICH THE MONEY COLLECTED AT THE CAMPAIGN DINNER WAS FORWARDED TO UNRECALLED PERSONS HANDLING THE REELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR FORD IN MICHIGAN. MARCK INDICATED HE NEVER SAW THE LIST OF PERSONS WHO DONATED THE MONEY.

LEADS. DETROIT. AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN. ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF CAMPAIGN MONEY RECEIVED BY MORTON DURING THE REELECTION CAMPAIGN DINNER WAS RECEIVED IN MICHIGAN, AND ALSO DETERMINE IF A LIST OF DONOR'S NAMES EXISTS.

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TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM DETROIT (161-1355)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT HAS DETERMINED THAT MR. FRANK
FITZSIMMONS, THE HEAD INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTERS UNION, IS AT HIS
OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

LEAD: WASHINGTON FIELD AT WASHINGTON: WILL EXPEDITIOUSLY
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To: SAC, Washington Field (161-9324)

From: Director, FBI (161-9896)

**GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, aka
SPECIAL INQUIRY
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Enclosed for Washington Field are 7 copies each of "The Washington Merry-Go-Round" column for 12/28/69 and 4/10/71 which appeared in "The Washington Post Times Herald." These columns should be submitted as an enclosure to a Washington Field report in this case. Washington Field set forth the following paragraph in its report enclosing the aforementioned columns:

Attached hereto as enclosures are copies of the December 28, 1967, and April 10, 1971, columns "The Washington Merry-Go-Round" stating generally that Mr. Ford intervened on behalf of AVCO Corporation during an investigation of alleged activities of that corporation. In 1963 the FBI conducted at the request of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice a limited investigation of allegations that two individuals, one a General in the Air Force and the other an Assistant Secretary of the Army, were instrumental in having a contract for the VRC - 12 radio awarded to AVCO and may have received payments for their efforts. Upon completion of the investigation, the Criminal Division determined there was no basis for criminal action. Congressman Gerald R. Ford was not involved or mentioned during the investigation.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: 10-17-73,
WITHOUT FAIL.

ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

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TO SACS NEW YORK
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-9896)

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: 10-17-73,
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REBUCAL TODAY.

GORDON CRAIG, PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIRMAN, BOOTH NEWSPAPERS,
CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF FORD'S, ADVISED DETROIT OFFICE THAT
LOUIS B. NICHOLS, FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AND CARTHA D. DE LOACH,
FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE PERSONAL
ACQUAINTANCES OF FORD'S FOR MANY YEARS.

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Title:

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

MATTHEW LOUIS PATANELLI, former associate of
appointee highly recommends.

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DETAILS:

ASSOCIATES

On October 17, 1973, MATTHEW LOUIS PATANELLI, 2373 Flentwood Drive, Park East Mobile Home Park, U. S. Highway 41 South, Sarasota, Florida, advised he recalls GERALD FORD was a center on the University of Michigan football team during the period 1932-1935. PATANELLI also played football on this team during this period, and played the position of left end. PATANELLI was not a close personal friend of Mr. FORD, and his only contact with FORD was at football practice and during games. FORD always had an excellent reputation at college, was regarded as having an excellent reputation for personal habits and morals, and had excellent associates. PATANELLI has had no personal contact with FORD since college, with the exception of one letter he received from FORD in approximately 1939 in which FORD was requesting cooperation from several of his college acquaintances and other friends in writing letters to their congressmen concerning some legislative act which FORD was promoting. PATANELLI stated that based upon his contact with FORD several years ago, he would highly recommend him and feels that President NIXON has made an excellent choice for Vice President.

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SUBJECT: **0, aka.
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Date: 10/17/73
Field Office File #: 161-2287 Bureau File #:
Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: President, Federal Bar Association, comments
favorably. No credit or arrest record located for Appointee.

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DETAILS:

Credit and Police Records

[REDACTED] The following investigation was conducted by SC [REDACTED]

AT MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA

Records of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, which covers the area including St. Mary's College, on October 17, 1973, disclosed no record for Appointee.

The following investigation was conducted by
SE [REDACTED]AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Records of the Credit Bureau Metro, Inc., which covers the area including St. Mary's College, on October 17, 1973, disclosed no record for the Appointee.

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Date: October 17, 1973
Field Office File #: 161-1454 Bureau File #:
Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD is not a member of the Virginia State Bar Association or Virginia State Bar. Records, Virginia State Department of Taxation, Richmond, Virginia, contain no record regarding FORD as Congressmen are exempted from filing and paying of Virginia State income tax.

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DETAILS:

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MISCELLANEOUS

On October 16, 1973, [redacted] [redacted] University of Virginia (UVA), Charlottesville, Virginia, and [redacted] of Virginia Bar Association, advised SA [redacted] that Virginia Bar Association records are negative for past or present membership for GERALD RUDOLPH FORD.

On October 16, 1973, [redacted], Secretary, Virginia State Bar, Richmond, Virginia, advised SA [redacted] [redacted], that Virginia State Bar records are negative regarding FORD.

On October 16, 1973, [redacted] Tax Examiner, Virginia State Department of Taxation, Richmond, Virginia, advised SA [redacted] that under Virginia Code 58-151.02(e)(1)(i), Congressmen representing states other than Virginia, who reside in Virginia, are exempted from paying Virginia State income tax. He advised that this Statute was enacted in 1969, retroactive to 1968.

[redacted] further advised that because of the confidential nature of Virginia State tax records, he was not able to release this information to any representative of the FBI as the Virginia State Department of Taxation and the FBI do not have a memo of understanding relating to disclosure of this information.

On October 17, 1973, [redacted] [redacted], State Department of Taxation, Richmond, Virginia, advised that information relating to Virginia State tax returns could be furnished to the FBI under an Executive Order signed by the Governor of the State.

On October 17, 1973, [redacted] further advised that Governor LINWOOD HOLTON, Commonwealth of Virginia, had signed such an Executive Order authorizing disclosure of Virginia State income tax information regarding GERALD RUDOLPH FORD.

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On October 17, 1973, [REDACTED] Assistant Commissioner for Income Tax, Virginia State Department of Taxation, Richmond, Virginia, advised that a complete and thorough review of all pertinent State Department of Taxation records failed to disclose any record for GERALD RUDOLPH FORD.

He advised that although the Virginia Statute exempting Congressmen from the payment and filing of Virginia State taxes was passed only in 1969, Congressmen had never been required to file in Virginia in the past, prior to that date.

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Office: PHILADELPHIA,
PENNSYLVANIA

Field Office File #: 161-2145

Bureau File #:

Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE - SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: SCOTT recommends FORD for this high position
of trust. Interview set forth.

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DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

On October 17, 1973, Senator HUGH SCOTT, Republican, Pennsylvania, was interviewed regarding FORD. SCOTT was interviewed at his home, 44 Hillcrest Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

SCOTT advised that he has known FORD for 25 years, both professionally and personally. SCOTT stated that FORD's character and loyalty to the United States of America are above reproach. FORD is known to be very discreet, honest, trustworthy, and reliable. FORD has no known drinking, narcotic, or emotional problem.

SCOTT stated FORD is a most loyal and dedicated American, who fully adheres to the democratic process of the United States.

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All of FORD's associates, known to SCOTT, are the same type individuals and are loyal Americans in every way.

SCOTT stated that FORD's qualifications and abilities are commensurate with his Vice-Presidential nomination and would make an outstanding Vice-President.

SCOTT recommends FORD for this high position of trust.

REPORTING OFFICE ST. LOUIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/17/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/16-17/73
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Title: GERALD R. FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: No derogatory information in USN Medical Records.
FORD employed by National Park Service, Yellowstone
National Park, Wyo. Terminated due to termination of need.

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Details: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on October 17, 1973, of the United States Naval Medical Records on file at the National Personnel Records Center, Military Branch, for GERALD R. FORD, Service Number 141 329 disclosed no derogatory information.

His date and place of birth were shown as July 14, 1913, at Omaha, Nebraska.

On October 16, 1973, a review of the personnel records on file at the National Personnel Records Center, Civilian Personnel Records, 111 Winnebago Street, disclosed that GERALD FORD was employed on June 16, 1936, as a Park Ranger with the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, at Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. This employment was terminated on September 3, 1936, by reason of termination of need of services for the season.

The date and place of birth were shown as July 14, 1913, at Omaha, Nebraska.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD aka
Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.,
Leslie King, Jr.

REFERENCES:

Bureau teletypes to Washington Field, 10/15 and 16/73.
Detroit teletype to New York, 10/17/73.
Bureau telephone call to New York, 10/17/73.
New York telephone call to Newark, 10/17/73.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will continue efforts to contact the author of "The Washington Pay-Off", ROBERT WINTERBERGER.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Comments of Executives of NAACP and National Urban League satisfactory. Comments from former associates in Warren Commission satisfactory. Doctor ARNOLD A. HUTSCHNECKER, indicated in the newspapers as appointee's psychotherapist in New York City, denied that appointee is or ever was his patient.

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DETAILS:

Racial Leaders

On October 16, 1973, inquiry at the office of the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 1790 Broadway, New York City, determined that ROY WILKENS, Director, has just started vacation and is currently in traveling status. His secretary, [redacted] suggested contact be made with CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, JR., Director of NAACP, Washington Bureau.

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On October 16, 1973, Doctor JOHN A. MORSELL, Assistant Director, NAACP, advised that he does not "see eye to eye" with some of the policies of the appointee. He explained that FORD was among a group that recently advocated limitations concerning school busing. He said he also disagreed with the appointee's viewpoint concerning the nominations of Judges "HAYNSWORTH and CARSWELL" to the Supreme Court a few years ago. He stated, however, that nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to withhold a recommendation for the appointee. He stated he has never known or heard of any group or organization to which the appointee belonged, which advocated or practiced any prejudice toward ethnic or minority groups. Based on the appointee's reputation as a person of excellent moral character and integrity, he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence as Vice President of the United States.

On October 16, 1973, HENRY LEE MOON, Director of Public Relations, NAACP, advised that although he does not agree with the appointee on some of his political stands concerning busing yet he has never known or heard of anything which would cause him to doubt the appointee's moral character, honesty, reputation or loyalty. He said the appointee is apparently well regarded by different political groups in Washington, and he knows him only by reputation and has never met him personally. He said he recommends him for a position demanding the highest degree

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of integrity and honesty as Vice President of the United States. He also added that he has never heard any rumors or conversation about the appointee which would cast any doubts or aspersions upon Mr. FORD's integrity, stability or character.

On October 16, 1973, JACK GREENBURG, Chief Consul, NAACP, Legal Defense and Education Fund, Incorporated, 10 Columbus Circle, New York City, advised that he knows nothing about the appointee other than what he reads in the newspapers and he knew of nothing which would prohibit the appointee from receiving the position of Vice President of the United States.

On October 17, 1973, VERNON JORDAN, Director, National Urban League, 55 East 52nd Street, New York City, advised that he has had no personal contact with the appointee other than possibly shaking hands with him at a reception at a social or civic function. He stated that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee and has heard only very complimentary statements concerning him from his associate, PAUL PHILLIPS, the Executive Director of the National Urban League, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Based on comments made by PHILLIPS, he evaluates the appointee as an individual who is "very accessible" to the members of the National Urban League in Michigan. He stated that PHILLIPS would be in an excellent position to comment on the qualities of Mr. FORD. He added that nothing has ever come to his attention, either in conversation or by rumor, which would cause him to doubt the appointee's integrity, honesty and stability, and he added that he knows of nothing which would prohibit him from receiving the position of Vice President of the United States.

Miscellaneous

On October 17, 1973, JAMES LEE RANKIN, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, 36 West 44th Street, New York, New York, advised that he first met GERALD FORD in 1953. He stated he later worked with Mr. FORD when he, Mr. RANKIN, was General Counsel to the Warren Commission and Mr. FORD was a member of the Commission. He stated Mr. FORD regularly attended meetings and hearings of the Commission and participated in all Commission work except for the periods that it was necessary for him to attend sessions of Congress. He stated Mr. FORD was an excellent worker, a conscientious and sincere individual. He further advised that he had no question about Mr. FORD's honesty and integrity in dealing with the Commission. He stated that Mr. FORD has broad experience in Government operation and is knowledgeable about the Executive Branch of the Government.

Mr. RANKIN stated that nothing has ever come to his attention which would reflect unfavorably upon Mr. FORD's character, loyalty, morals, reputation and associates.

He stated that when he was with the Warren Commission, he received information indicating that Mr. FORD had contracted with "Life" magazine to do an inside story concerning the Commission. He stated he believes he heard this story before Mr. FORD's article was to be published. He further advised that he does not recall where he heard it and it is very possible that a newspaperman had asked him if Mr. FORD was going to write an article.

He stated that he had no knowledge indicating that Mr. FORD had apparently disobeyed Chief Justice WARREN's orders by shipping Commission transcripts to his ghost writer. He stated Chief Justice WARREN would have to be contacted concerning this.

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Mr. RANKIN stated that he does not feel he is in a position to make a recommendation concerning Mr. FORD for the position he is being considered for. He stated the Constitution of the United States has delegated this duty to Congress and it is up to them to make the recommendation.

On October 17, 1973, JOHN J. MC CLOY, Senior Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and Mc Cloy, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the appointee for over ten years. MC CLOY said his main contact with the appointee was when they were both serving on the Warren Commission. Since the Warren Commission has been abolished, he has had very little contact with the appointee. MC CLOY stated he has never had any professional dealings with the appointee.

MC CLOY advised appointee, while serving on the Warren Commission, was an industrious and intelligent Commission member whose judgment had always been sound. MC CLOY described the appointee as a serious-minded individual whose character, associates, reputation and loyalty were above reproach.

MC CLOY, when questioned about the content of an article appearing in the October 22, 1973 issue of "Newsweek" magazine concerning the appointee's attempt to publish information concerning the KENNEDY assassination before the Warren Commission's own publication, stated he had been "surprised" that the appointee had attempted to publish anything prior to an official statement by the Commission. MC CLOY said his feelings about FORD's actions were that FORD must have felt his activity was within his prerogative.

MC CLOY said based on his knowledge of the appointee, he could recommend him for the position of Vice President.

On October 17, 1973, ARNOLD A. HIESCHNECKER, M.D., 829 Park Avenue, New York City, advised that he is a psychotherapist and gradually began to specialize in this field in the late 1950's. He explained that psychotherapy

is a short termed psychoanalytic treatment of problems which are not necessarily mental, but may be functional or marital. HUTSCHNECKER stated that the appointee is not his patient, has never been his patient, nor has he ever advised the appointee on any matters, physical or mental. He said that since he never treated the appointee, he has no records concerning him. He never discussed the appointee's health, mental or physical, with him nor did he, FORD, ever suggest becoming his patient.

Doctor HUTSCHNECKER stated he met the appointee only briefly approximately seven years ago and their discussion involved HUTSCHNECKER's book, "The Will To Live", which FORD told him RICHARD M. NIXON was very fond of. He stated FORD called him first before dropping by his office for a short social visit.

HUTSCHNECKER stated that he had met ROBERT WINTER-BERGER at a dinner or cocktail party in New York in approximately 1959 or 1960, when he had just returned from visiting Soviet Russia with a group of doctors. He stated his first impression of WINTER-BERGER was that he was "wiggly" and "slimy" in character. He considered him shrewd and cunning and he felt that WINTER-BERGER was trying to use him and he openly asked him several times "What do you want from me?" He stated WINTER-BERGER gave him no direct answer. He considers WINTER-BERGER an individual of superficial intelligence and added that he used first names of persons in political spheres in order to impress people. He said it was his personal impression that WINTER-BERGER was making efforts to make use of his, HUTSCHNECKER's, association with RICHARD M. NIXON.

HUTSCHNECKER stated that the recent statements in the newspapers concerning his association with Mr. FORD are slanderous and a complete fabrication. He concluded by stating he chose to avoid making the statement of "No comment" concerning this matter because he felt it would be "silent acceptance of what has been written".

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On October 17, 1973, [redacted]
[redacted] the "New York Times", 229 West
43rd Street, advised that he had been assigned to Detroit
as a reporter since 1958 and returned to New York City in
the beginning of 1973. He stated that in his years of
reporting in the Detroit, Michigan area, he was never
assigned to do any story concerning the appointee. He
added that to the best of his recollection, he has never
heard any rumor nor has there been any statements made
concerning the appointee which would reflect unfavorably
upon his integrity, his loyalty to the United States, his
honesty, or his stability. He added that the appointee
was highly regarded in the Michigan area and he never
knew of any adverse publicity regarding him. [redacted] added
that a few days prior to FORD's name being designated by
the President concerning the Vice Presidency, he heard
rumors that FORD's name was being considered for this post.
It was only at this time that he read excerpts from the
book entitled "The Washington Pay-Off", which, among
journalistic circles, was described as "fuzzy" in that
explanations were not completely satisfactory. He
added that nothing has ever come to his attention which
would prohibit Mr. FORD from receiving the sensitive
position as Vice President of the United States.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEWARK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/17/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/17/73
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SA [REDACTED]
October 17, 1973

Office Newark, New Jersey

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Title:

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

BRUCE MAIR, a long time acquaintance of appointee, stated appointee highly intelligent, hard working, of high integrity, and recommends Mr. FORD. He noted appointee's wife was previously married. No credit or arrest for appointee.

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DETAILS:

ACQUAINTANCE

Mr. BRUCE MAIR on October 17, 1973, advised SA [REDACTED] that he is in the publishing business with offices at 90 Park Avenue, New York City, and resides at 25 Highland Drive, Summit, New Jersey.

Mr. MAIR related that he, MAIR, originally came from Grand Rapids, Michigan, where MAIR's parents and appointee's mother and stepfather were acquainted. MAIR has known appointee since their high school days though MAIR was more friendly with appointee's brother, THOMAS.

Appointee was well known as an athlete at the University of Michigan from which he graduated. Appointee received his law degree and practiced law in Grand Rapids during the 1940's except when he was in the military service. MAIR had no contact with appointee during the war but following the war, they became better acquainted. At this time, appointee handled personal legal work for MAIR for which MAIR considered him highly competent.

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After the war and as veterans, both MAIR and appointee became active in politics. MAIR subsequently became the State Vice Chairman and then Chairman of the Young Republicans. Appointee had never held any political office but decided to run for the congressional seat of incumbent BARTELL JOCKMAN, a conservative republican. MAIR did public relations work for appointee during the campaign which appointee won handily and to which office he has been re-elected since 1948. Appointee's 1948 campaign was the only campaign in which MAIR took part.

MAIR left Michigan in 1957, and has had only off and on contacts with appointee at party or political gatherings since that time. The last time they met was at the inauguration in January, 1973. MAIR has never visited in appointee's home or congressional office. MAIR stated he has never asked for nor received any political favors.

MAIR stated that appointee, a bachelor, married a BETTY BLOOMER after his first election. His wife had had an unsuccessful short first marriage but had no children by that marriage. Appointee and wife now have four or five children, none of whom MAIR knows.

Appointee's stepfather was said to have had a very difficult time during the depression but subsequently owned the Ford Paint and Varnish Company which he had established. Appointee's parents preached honesty and hard work to their children.

MAIR considers appointee as highly intelligent, hard working, very likeable, a loyal citizen, and highly respected. He feels appointee to have high personal integrity, great ability as demonstrated by him in his position as minority leader of the House, and by his knowledge of what he is called to vote on.

MAIR feels appointee to be the least likely of any one he knows to have any questionable activities turn up and he would be completely shocked if such ever occurred.

MAIR highly recommends appointee for any Government position.

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CREDIT AND ARREST

On October 17, 1973, [redacted]
Camden Credit Association, 817 Carpenter Street, Camden,
New Jersey, advised SA [redacted] that files of
her agency contain no items of information identifiable
with GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, also known as Gerald Rudolph
Ford, Jr. and Leslie King, Jr.

On October 17, 1973, [redacted] Clark,
Records and Identification Bureau, Camden, New Jersey,
Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that records
of the department contain no record for appointee.

On October 17, 1973, Sergeant [redacted]
Identification Officer, Camden County Jail, Camden, New
Jersey, advised SA [redacted] that records of the
department contain no items identifiable with appointee.

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Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: [REDACTED] Reporter, Washington Bureau of the
Detroit News, recommends the appointee.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] Bethesda, Maryland, Reporter, Washington Bureau of the Detroit News, was interviewed at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, New Jersey, on October 17, 1973. He stated he has known the appointee about 2 years. During this period he has been in contact with Mr. FORD about twelve times. He stated the appointee is friendly and will talk to newspaper reporters. He advised he feels the appointee is honest, of integrity, intelligent, competent and a loyal U. S. citizen. He said he knows nothing unfavorable concerning Mr. FORD and in the gossip that circulates in the Washington, D. C. area he has never heard anything unfavorable about Mr. FORD. He stated from what he has heard about Mr. FORD, he does not believe the appointee has acquired extensive wealth through his congressional position. He noted the appointee has lived in the same home for many years and does not have large holdings of securities.

[REDACTED] recommended the appointee.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW HAVEN	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/17/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/16/73 - 10/17/73
TITLE OF CASE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, aka Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., Leslie King, Jr.		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY rsp
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and Bureau telcal of Supervisor ORVIS J.
AUKERSWALD to New Haven Office dated 10/16/73.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that complete details reflecting back-ground investigation conducted regarding the appointee and encompassing his three year period at Yale University, his graduation from Yale Law School and his coaching activities were set forth in an applicant investigation conducted at New Haven in 1942. As requested in referenced Bureau telephone call, this investigation has not been duplicated. All serials regarding this investigation have been destroyed.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd)

Investigation at New Haven has failed to develop any information which would indicate the appointee has returned to this area for any extended period of time or has been in any way connected with Yale University. Negative information regarding the above is set forth in the details of this report.

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October 17, 1973

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Title:

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

EUGENE V. ROSTOW, Former Dean, Yale Law School, interviewed and highly recommends appointee. Records of the Yale Alumni Association and of the New Haven Register reviewed and failed to reflect that appointee has returned to the New Haven area since his graduation from Yale Law School 6/18/41. Appointee is not a member of the Connecticut Bar Association. Credit and arrest regarding appointee negative at New Haven, Connecticut.

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DETAILS:

EDUCATION

On October 16, 1973, EUGENE V. ROSTOW, Sterling Professor of Law and Public Affairs and Former Dean, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, advised that based on his long knowledge of the appointee, both when the appointee was a student at the law school and since he has been in Washington, D. C., Professor ROSTOW has no reason to doubt his devotion to the United States. Professor ROSTOW advised that he has every reason to say that the appointee is a loyal, devoted and highly principled American Statesman. Mr. FORD is completely committed to American principles and ideals. Professor ROSTOW advised Mr. FORD's reputation, based both on his academic achievement while at Yale and his accomplishments in the field of politics since that time is of the highest caliber. Professor ROSTOW unequivocally recommended the appointee for Government service.

CREDIT AND ARREST

On October 16, 1973, the following individuals advised, after a review of their respective files, that they could locate no record identifiable with GERALD RUDOLPH FORD or LESLIE KING, JR.:

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Patrolman [REDACTED]
New Haven Police Department
New Haven, Connecticut;

[REDACTED]
New Haven Credit Bureau;

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On October 16, 1973, the records of the New Haven Register, which is published daily in New Haven, were reviewed and failed to reflect any information that the appointee has returned to the New Haven area since his graduation from Yale Law School in 1941. Several articles have been maintained which set forth the favorable comments of Connecticut's Senators and Representatives regarding the President's appointment of the appointee to the Vice Presidency. Other articles highlight some of Mr. FORD's activities in the Athletic Department while at the University.

On October 17, 1973, [REDACTED] Clerk, Alumni Records Office, Yale University, advised after a review of those records regarding the appointee, that he has not returned to the Yale campus in either a teaching or guest lecturer capacity and further that there is no indication he has resided in Connecticut since his graduation in 1941.

On October 16, 1973, [REDACTED] Secretary, Connecticut Bar Association, Hartford, Connecticut, advised that the appointee has never been a member of that Association.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/17/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/16/73 - 10/17/73
TITLE OF CASE GERALD R. FORD		REPORT MADE BY SA	TYPED kis
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Investigation at Amery and Dresser, Wisconsin,
has not revealed any connection between [] and the
appointee, GERALD R. FORD.

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Date: OCTOBER 17, 1973

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File #: MI 161-745

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Title: GERALD R. FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: [REDACTED], Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Milwaukee, advised [REDACTED] entered U.S. as a visitor in fall of 1971 and worked in cheese factory, Brooklyn, New York, in violation of INS rules. Subsequent deportation proceedings were initiated. Thereafter, [REDACTED] advised two separate bills were introduced to prevent [REDACTED] deportation. Neither bill was passed and [REDACTED] of opinion [REDACTED] was deported. One of the bills in [REDACTED] behalf was introduced by Congressman GERALD R. FORD. [REDACTED] observed at Amery, Wisconsin, September, 1973. Background regarding Belle Cheese Company set forth. No arrest record located for [REDACTED] at Amery, Wisconsin, or Polk County Sheriff's Office, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. Chief of Police (COP), Amery, Wisconsin, related verbal disagreement between [REDACTED] and his wife in his (COP) presence. In 1970, [REDACTED] opened savings account in amount of \$7,700.00 and closed same 1/12/72. Amount unknown at time account closed.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 17, 1973:

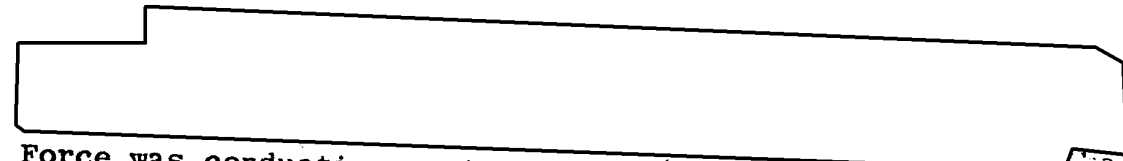
[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Milwaukee, Wisconsin, stated that [redacted] also known as [redacted] entered the United States as a "visitor" sometime prior to fall of 1971. [redacted] obtained employment at a cheese factory in Brooklyn, which is against the rules concerning visitor privileges; and as a result of this, deportation proceedings were begun. During this same time period, a private bill was introduced to Congress concerning [redacted] immigrant status; however, said bill received adverse action in November, 1971. *NY 100-745*

[redacted] was ordered to appear for a deportation hearing; however, he disappeared.

[redacted] further indicated that [redacted] was next heard about after INS Headquarters contacted Milwaukee to inform that another private bill had been introduced concerning [redacted] and that he was presently residing in Wisconsin. [redacted] stated that a preliminary investigation was begun to verify [redacted] residence, employment, police records, credit records, agency checks and other pertinent data. [redacted] said that this private bill was also acted against adversely; however, the Milwaukee Office of INS was not immediately notified and there was a considerable time lapse before formal notification was received.

[redacted] advised that the result of the adverse action on the [redacted] bill was not realized until the Milwaukee Office of INS received a status inquiry concerning the [redacted] of [redacted] said that [redacted] was to have left the United States by February 15, 1972. [redacted] further indicated that it appears, after [redacted] witnesses, [redacted] departed the United States on February 13, 1972. However, [redacted] said that [redacted] notification was never received. [redacted] did indicate that [redacted] former employer at Belle Chasse, Louisiana, said he believed [redacted] was, in fact, in Italy. [redacted] he [redacted] had received several letters from [redacted] postmarked in Italy.

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Force was conducting an investigation concerning the F & A Cheese Company and its alleged connection with "La Cosa Nostra" (LCN). [redacted] stated that this investigation developed a number of known LCN associates who were involved with F & A Cheese Company in Grand Rapids, Michigan. [redacted] stated that he was unable to furnish specific information concerning the results of the state investigation in Michigan. He did say that he believed this task force was ultimately dissolved because of a lack of funds.

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It is to be noted that one of the private bills regarding [redacted] admission to the United States was introduced by Congressman GERALD R. FORD on January 29, 1969.

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The following information was developed during a Bureau investigation concerning the Belle Cheese Company, Amery, Wisconsin:

[redacted] Union State Bank, on April 9, 1969, advised that [redacted] a cheese maker of Wanderoos, Wisconsin, located about eight miles from Amery, Wisconsin, had until six or seven years ago operated a cheese factory in Wanderoos, Wisconsin. After selling his cheese factory in Wanderoos, he purchased in Amery, Wisconsin, a building which had previously housed the Stella Cheese Company from the Amery Industrial Development Company. Stella Cheese at that time had a plant in both Clayton and Amery, Wisconsin. They continue to operate a plant at Clayton.

[redacted] after purchase of the building, began operation of a cheese factory at this location under the name "Belle Cheese Company." [redacted] stated that it was his understanding that the Belle Cheese Company was incorporated, but that [redacted] and his wife were the sole stockholders. Approximately four years ago, [redacted] sold the Belle Cheese Company to the F and A Cheese Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

[redacted] stated that the F and A Cheese Company is actually [redacted] of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and [redacted] concerning whom he knows nothing. The Belle Cheese Company, although still operating under this name, is actually a subsidiary of the F and A Cheese Company. [redacted] stated that he does not know the officers of the F and A Cheese Company but assumes that [redacted] and [redacted] are two of the officers of this concern. The Belle Cheese Company is owned by [redacted] who is believed to be a [redacted] by marriage to either [redacted] or [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he knows very little concerning [redacted] other than he owns a home in Amery, Wisconsin,

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and drives a late model Chevrolet Caprice. ~~He is not known to have visited California and is not known to have driven a Buick during the time that he has lived in Amery, Wisconsin.~~

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[] advised that the Belle Cheese Company produces Italian type cheese and that most of this cheese is sold in Los Angeles, California. He noted that the trucks which haul this cheese carry the name F and A and under this name is printed "Grand Rapids, Amery, Los Angeles." He advised that he had no information as to whether the Belle Cheese Company or the F and A Cheese Company, the parent concern, has an office or a representative living in California, although this is entirely possible as most of the cheese is sold in the Los Angeles area.

[] recalled that [], after the sale of the Belle Cheese Company to the F and A Cheese Company [] for a very short period of time. He now lives []

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On January 20, 1949, the Wisconsin Secretary of States' Office certified the Articles of Incorporation pertaining to the Belle Cheese Company had been recorded with the Register of Deeds Office in Polk County, on January 13, 1949.

Article I of the Articles of Incorporation set out that the business and purpose of the corporation was "For the manufacture of butter, cheese, and other dairy products, and the selling of the products so manufactured."

Article III set out that the capital stock shall be \$10,000.00 divided into 1000 shares at \$10.00 each.

Article IX set out the names and residences of the persons forming the corporation as follows:

FRY CAUDY, Wanderoos, Wisconsin

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A certificate of newly elected officers filed with the Secretary of States' Office listed that on January 20, 1949, the following officers had been elected:

President, VIRGIL CASTIGLIANO, Clayton, Wisconsin

Vice President, CHARLES VERGNANI, 49 Crown Street, Summerville, Massachusetts

Secretary, PETER STANGA, Mayville, Wisconsin

The annual report of the Belle Cheese Company, dated March 15, 1950, lists president CARLO PITTALUGA, Mayville, Wisconsin.

Vice President, HARRY CAUDY, Clayton, Wisconsin

Secretary Treasurer, PETER STANGA, Mayville, Wisconsin

Directors were listed as follows:

CARLO PITTALUGA, HARRY CAUDY, and PETER STANGA

The annual reports dated March 31, 1951 and March 31, 1952, listed officers and directors the same as in the annual report dated March 15, 1950.

The March 27, 1953, annual report listed the officers as follows:

President, DONALD R. WAALEN, Wanderoos, Wisconsin

Vice President, JUNE A. WAALEN, Wanderoos, Wisconsin

Secretary Treasurer, HARRY J. CAUDY

Directors were listed as follows:

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DONALD R. WAALEN
JUNE WAALEN
HARRY J. CAUDY

The annual report dated March 17, 1954, listed the officers as follows:

President, ELLEN A. CAUDY, Wanderoos, Wisconsin

Vice President, GUST H. JOHNSON, Clayton, Wisconsin

Secretary Treasurer, HARRY J. CAUDY

The above individuals were also listed as directors of the corporation.

Annual reports of the corporation filed during the years 1954 through 1966 listed the same officers and directors as the annual report of March 17, 1954.

The March 15, 1967, annual report of the Belle Cheese Company, 146 Birch Street, Amery, Wisconsin 54001, listed the purpose of the corporation as "Cheese making."

The president of the corporation was listed as FRANK TERRANOVA, 5489 East Fulton, Ada, Michigan.

Vice President, ANGELO TERRANOVA, 128 North Park Lane, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

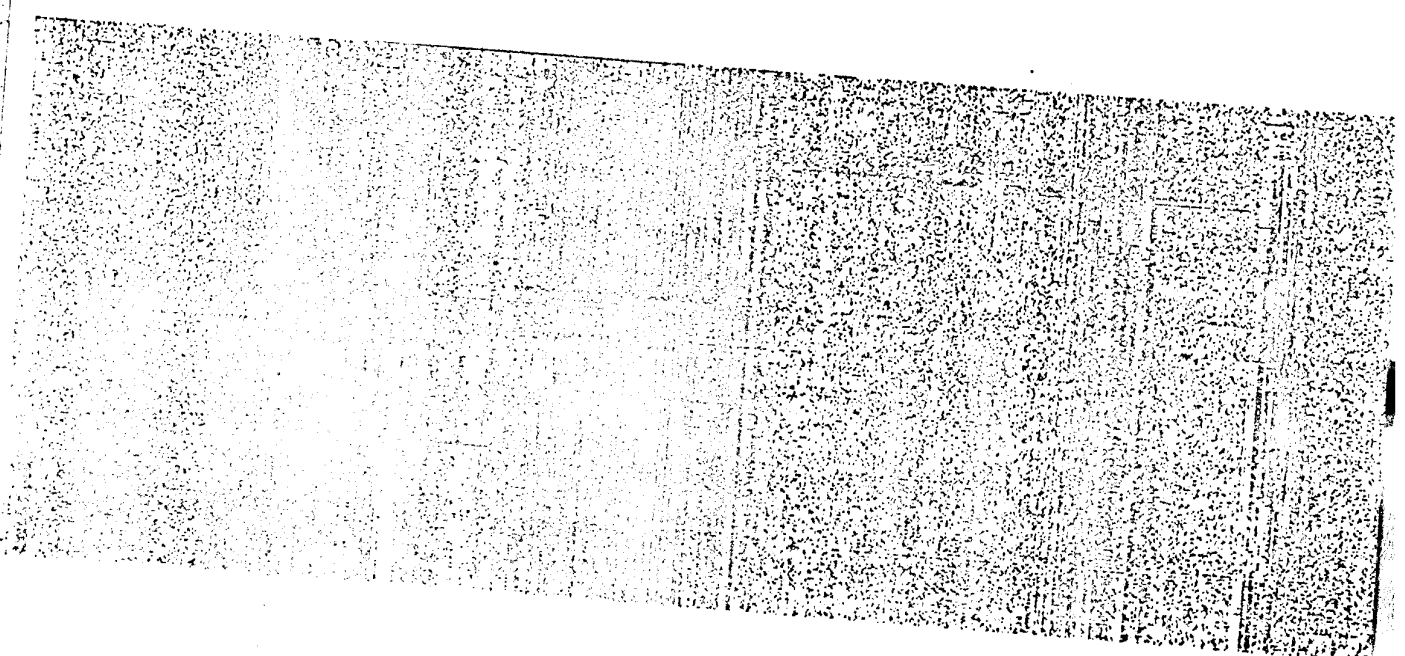
Secretary Treasurer, HARRY J. CAUDY, Amery, Wisconsin.

FRANK TERRANOVA, ANGELO TERRANOVA and HARRY J. CAUDY were also listed as directors of the corporation.

The annual report dated March 15, 1967, listed stock owned as 2500 shares of common stock at \$10.00 par value and listed issued shares as numbering 1869 with \$10.00 value.

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The last annual report filed with the Secretary of Defense Office is dated February 16, 1968, and contains identical information to that furnished in the March 15, 1967, report.



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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent [REDACTED]:

On January 17, 1973, corporation records were reviewed at the offices of the Secretary of State, State of Wisconsin, Madison, and the following information was obtained:

F & A Dairy Products, Incorporated, Amery, Wisconsin, was incorporated and a certificate of incorporation filed with the State of Wisconsin on November 17, 1969. Directors listed at that time were BEDFORD TERRANOVA, ANGELO TERRANOVA, and FRANK TERRANOVA, all of Amery, Wisconsin. Other officers listed over the years was an additional one of DON NOVITZKE, Amery, Wisconsin. The latest report filed for 1972 listed FRANK TERRANOVA, president, ANGELO TERRANOVA, vice president and treasurer, DON NOVITZKE, secretary.

An additional director listed at this time was ROBERTO GASLIO, 335 Elwell Southwest, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Stella Cheese Company filed a certificate of incorporation on September 4, 1917. The location was Clayton, Wisconsin; and on January 21, 1939, the location was changed to Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin.

On October 26, 1948, a merger was formed with the Stella Cheese Company and Nebagamon Products and Warehouse Company. A change was filed on February 21, 1950, to the Nebagamon Corporation, Campbellport, Wisconsin. A dissolution was filed on December 26, 1950. No further information was available from the records.

The Corporation filed a certificate of incorporation on January 11, 1949, address listed Wanderoos, Wisconsin. The purpose of the corporation was for the manufacture of butter, cheese, and other dairy products and the sale of these products so manufactured. The

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persons from this corporation were VIRGIL CASTIGLIANO, PETER STANGA, Mayville, Wisconsin, and HARRY CAUDY, Mayville, Wisconsin. CASTIGLIANO was listed as the president; CHARLES VERGNANI, 49 Crown Street, Summerfield, Massachusetts, was the vice president, and PETER STANGA, secretary.

The location was subsequently changed to 146 Birch Street, Amery, Wisconsin; and other officers listed were CARL S. PITTALUGO, Wanderoos, Wisconsin, DONALD R. WAALLEN, Wanderoos, JUNE A. WAALLEN, Wanderoos, GUST H. JOHNSON, Clayton, Wisconsin, and ELLEN A. CAUDY, Mayville, Wisconsin.

The 1972 report filed with the Secretary of State reflects that the president is FRANK TERRANOVA, 5180 Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Michigan, vice president ANGELO TERRANOVA, Amery, Wisconsin, and secretary-treasurer, LAWRENCE BEDFORD, Amery, Wisconsin. Directors listed were FRANK and ANGELO TERRANOVA and LAWRENCE BEDFORD.

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[redacted]
Union State Bank, Amery, Wisconsin, advised recalling that [redacted] wife and daughter had come into his bank. He subsequently contacted Chief of Police RICHARD TOLLIVER, Amery, Wisconsin, who came to his assistance as he, [redacted] was unable to understand anything they said as it was spoken in the Italian language. [redacted] was unable to furnish any additional information as to the exact time the above took place. [redacted] added he has had no contact with the [redacted] family from that time until about one month ago. [redacted] said at this time [redacted] had come to their bank after closing time. [redacted] said he believes this was on Friday, September 14, 1973. He has not seen [redacted] since that time.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/17/73

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RICHARD TOLLIVER, Chief of Police, Amery, Wisconsin, advised he has no arrest record for [] with his department. TOLLIVER said he was acquainted with [] and has been so for approximately three or four years. [] came to his attention vividly about two years ago after [] wife and daughter came to this country and reportedly settled in the Amery, Wisconsin, area.

TOLLIVER said shortly after [] wife and daughter arrived in the Amery, Wisconsin, area, he received a telephone call from [] Union State Bank, Amery, Wisconsin, advising [] wife and daughter were in the bank at that time in a somewhat hysterical condition. TOLLIVER said he went to the bank and through his somewhat limited knowledge of the Italian language was able to understand from conversation with them that they had escaped from the [] residence. Allegedly, [] and his son, [] also known as [] had kept the wife and daughter locked in a house. He said the wife and daughter escaped and came immediately to Amery, Wisconsin, where they came in contact with [].

TOLLIVER stated he took the wife and daughter to the Amery Hotel where he bought them a meal and subsequently took them to his office in the City Hall. He said he then called [] and [] and instructed them to come to his office in the City Hall.

TOLLIVER advised the four members of the [] family then engaged in a discussion in the Italian language; however, TOLLIVER was able to understand the wife asking [] for \$10,000 cash and an airline ticket home to Italy. TOLLIVER said at this point he overheard [] son of [], say in Italian, "Why give them any money when we can have them killed for \$50.00." TOLLIVER was certain neither [] or [] because he, TOLLIVER, could understand Italian.

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It was TOLLIVER's understanding the wife and daughter received airline tickets home from [redacted] through the Belle Cheese Company, Amery, Wisconsin.

After the above episode, TOLLIVER said he called Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in either Milwaukee or Chicago and related to them the details of the above confrontation between [redacted] and his wife.

TOLLIVER was not able to recall exact dates; however, believes that shortly after calling INS, he received a letter from a law firm in New York City, New York, enclosing a \$75.00 check for him, TOLLIVER, if he would write a letter of recommendation for [redacted]. TOLLIVER said he never cashed this check and does not know if he destroyed the check or not as he has not seen it for several months.

TOLLIVER stated [redacted] was gone from the Amery, Wisconsin, area for over a year and had only recently heard that both [redacted] and [redacted] are now working for the FGA Cheese Company, Dresser, Wisconsin.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent EUGENE I. SATHER:

On October 16, 1973, telephonic contact with
the PMA Cheese Company, Dresser, Wisconsin, revealed a
[redacted] was employed at this location.

On October 16, 1973, contact with the Amery,
Wisconsin, Post Office revealed that all mail received
for [redacted] and [redacted] is
forwarded to [redacted] Dresser, Wisconsin.

On October 16, 1973, Polk County Sheriff
MERLE BEEDLE, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, advised his
department had no record for [redacted].

On October 17, 1973, [redacted], Amery,
Wisconsin, advised the Credit Bureau of Western Wisconsin,
Incorporated, New Richmond, Wisconsin, had no record of
[redacted] in their files.

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A confidential source advised that records of the Union State Bank, Amery, Wisconsin, reflect the following information:

A savings account was opened in 1970, exact date unknown, in the amount of \$7,700.00 by [redacted].

This same account was closed out on January 12, 1972, and the amount in the account at this time was unavailable.

Interviewed on 10/17/73 at Amery, Wisconsin File # MI 161-745
by [redacted] Date dictated 10/17/73

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REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/17/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/17/73
TITLE OF CASE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY jgm
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REFERENCE

Report of SA dated 10/17/73,
at Miami.

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Interviews in this report were conducted jointly by
SAs and

Efforts to locate JOHN J. SHEEHAN, Director of
Legislative Department, United Steel Workers of America, at
Bal Harbor, Florida, were negative.

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According to the desk clerk at the Balmoral Hotel, Mr. SHEEHAN checked out of this hotel at 5:52 PM on October 17, 1973, leaving no forwarding address. Inasmuch as the three top officers of this union were interviewed regarding appointee, it is felt additional interviews among affiliates of this union are unnecessary and no further effort is being made to locate SHEEHAN.

Attempts to contact Mr. CHARLES YOUNGLOVE, District Director of United Steel Workers of America, in Detroit, Michigan, were negative on October 17, 1973. The desk clerk at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbor, Florida, advised as of late evening of October 17, 1973, that Mr. YOUNGLOVE had not arrived but had a "guaranteed late arrival reservation". He explained this meant Mr. YOUNGLOVE would not arrive until sometime during the early morning hours of October 18, 1973. Inasmuch as a sufficiently representative number of labor union officials have been contacted, it is felt additional efforts to locate Mr. YOUNGLOVE are unnecessary and no further effort is being made in this regard.

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Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: GEORGE MEANY, President, AFL-CIO, advised he could not understand why it was necessary to investigate appointee, was opposed to such an investigation, knew appointee "only slightly" and knew "nothing against him". Three other national labor leaders knew appointee only through his Congressional service. Two commented unfavorably re appointee's voting record on labor matters. A Detroit attorney, with clients in the Maritime field, stated the President made a good choice in his appointment and one which should restore faith and unity to the country.

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DETAILS:

Mr. GEORGE MEANY, President, AFL - CIO, was contacted at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbor, Florida, on October 17, 1973, and was advised a special inquiry was being conducted regarding Mr. GERALD FORD, Vice Presidential appointee, at the request of the White House.

Mr. MEANY immediately stated he could not understand why it was necessary to investigate a man of Mr. FORD's position and he had nothing further to say. He was again advised the investigation was being conducted at the request of the White House. He indicated he was opposed to such an investigation and had nothing further to say regarding Mr. FORD. He then added he knew Mr. FORD "only slightly" and knew "nothing against him". When asked if he had any knowledge from any source regarding Mr. FORD's financial matters or campaign funds contributed to Mr. FORD, he advised he had no information regarding this and could furnish no additional information.

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Mr. JOHN E. JOHNS, Vice President, United Steel Workers of America, 5 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was contacted on October 17, 1973, at the Americana Hotel and was advised that inquiry was being conducted regarding Mr. GERALD FORD at the request of the White House. He furnished the following information:

Mr. JOHNS does not know Mr. FORD personally, has never had any association with him, and knows of him only through Mr. FORD's service in the Congress. He feels Mr. FORD's voting record with regard to labor is not good but since he is not personally acquainted with Mr. FORD, he cannot say anything favorable or unfavorable regarding him. He stated he has no information regarding Mr. FORD's financial affairs or regarding campaign contributions to him, adding that Mr. FORD has not had the support of organized labor and that he is certain the United Steel Workers of America has never contributed to any of Mr. FORD's campaigns.

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Mr. JOHN J. PILCH, President, International Typographical Union, Box 157, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was contacted on October 17, 1973, at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbor, Florida. He was advised a special inquiry was being conducted regarding Mr. GERALD FORD at the request of the White House. He thereafter furnished the following information:

Mr. PILCH does not know Mr. FORD personally, has never met him and does not like him. He based the latter statement upon Mr. FORD's voting record in Congress regarding labor matters, explaining that Mr. FORD had voted less than 10 times in favor of legislation supporting organized labor and more than 100 times against such legislation.

Mr. PILCH concluded by stating since he did not know Mr. FORD personally, he had no further comments to make.

Mr. VICTOR G. HANSON, Attorney at Law, and Proctor in Admiralty, [REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, was contacted on October 17, 1973, at the Jockey Club, North Miami, Florida. He was advised a special inquiry was being conducted regarding Mr. GERALD FORD, Vice Presidential appointee, at the request of the White House. He furnished the following information:

He has known of appointee for around 10 years, primarily as a result of legislation in Congress dealing with the Maritime field. During this period his clients have periodically contacted appointee and found him to be very interested in building the U.S. Merchant Marine fleet back to a world power and increasing its stature.

He has heard nothing but good things about appointee from both Republicans and Democrats who represent all factions in the labor field. He said President NIXON made a good choice and one which should restore faith and unity to this country.

He had no information from any source concerning appointee's financial matters or campaign contributions made to appointee.

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Will interview below listed national labor leaders.

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Interviews at Miami Beach were conducted by SA's
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GEORGE MEANY, President, AFL-CIO, scheduled for interview 6 p.m., 10/17/73. Also, JOHN S. JOHNS, Vice President, United Steel Workers of America, VICTOR G. HANSON, attorney for the Seafarer's International Union, and CHARLES G. YOUNGLOVE, Director of United Steel Workers of America, to be interviewed, evening of 10/17/73, when first time available for interview.

Mr. BRENNER advised that WILLIAM BRAMAN, President of Greater Lansing, Michigan, AFL-CIO, would not arrive in Bal Harbour, Florida, until 10/18/73, but that BRAMAN had not been closely associated with Mr. FORD, and could not add to information furnished by other Michigan labor leaders. No further effort is being made to locate and interview BRAMAN.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

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Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

University of Michigan associate and labor leaders from Michigan and Colorado all advised they have no information of an adverse nature regarding appointee's integrity, honesty, financial matters, and loyalty. During appointee's congressional election campaigns, no information of a derogatory nature was ever revealed about appointee. Labor leaders disapprove of appointee's voting record and state he is strictly a Republican Party man and loyal to the President, but this is no reflection on his character. One Michigan labor leader opposes appointee's appointment for strictly political reasons, based on his ultra-conservative voting record concerning labor matters. Two United Steel Workers national officials do not know appointee personally and did not wish to comment concerning him.

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COLLEGE ASSOCIATE

Mr. HARRY NEWMAN, [REDACTED] Pompano Beach, Florida, advised on October 17, 1973, that he has known GERALD R. FORD for about 40 years, and knows that he is being considered for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

NEWMAN stated that he is a retired automobile dealer from Detroit, Michigan, and is a former All American quarterback of the University of Michigan. He stated that FORD was a substitute center on the Michigan football team during NEWMAN's last year, which was 1932. He stated FORD was an intelligent, athletic, likeable young man at that time, and was well regarded by the coach, HARRY KIPKE, and all of his teammates. He stated FORD later went on to get All American consideration while at Michigan.

NEWMAN stated he was never real close to FORD, but has seen him through the years at various alumni functions, and has discussed his career with a political mutual friend. He stated the last time he saw FORD was when they met accidentally while on the same commercial aircraft in 1967.

He stated again that he was not really close to FORD, but knew his reputation well through the years, and in his opinion, FORD would have all of the necessary mental, moral, and physical qualifications to do an excellent job in the service of his country, and he would so recommend him.

LABOR LEADERS

Mrs. MYRA WOLFGANG, Vice President, Hotel and Restaurant Workers and Bartenders International Union, 100 Selden Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, was contacted on October 17, 1973 at the Ivanhoe Hotel, 10175 Collins Avenue, Bal Harbour, Florida, and she furnished the following information:

Mrs. WOLFGANG has never personally met Mr. FORD but is well acquainted with his voting record in Congress. In this regard, she said she does not think any less of Mr. FORD than she does of President NIXON. She feels Mr. FORD is colorless and ineffective and certainly "not a mental giant." She further described him as a very modest man who has reason to be so. She opposes his appointment for strictly political reasons, explaining that she was outraged that he opposed the raising of the minimum wage for workers above \$1.60 per hour and over his other voting record in Congress in opposition to measures which would advance the status of women in the labor field. Initially, he was very vocal in support of the "Equal Rights Amendment" but later he opposed every measure which would serve to advance the status of women.

Mrs. WOLFGANG's disagreements with Mr. FORD are political and basically result from a difference in viewpoint, Mr. FORD being "ultra-conservative" in his voting record regarding labor.

Mrs. WOLFGANG has no reason to question Mr. FORD's loyalty or integrity, and, in fact, her "gut reaction" is that anyone from the Grand Rapids area would be extremely honest inasmuch as this city is well known as a calvinist community. She has no information concerning Mr. FORD's financial dealings, campaign spending or campaign contributions.

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Mr. ROBERT D. BRENNER, Director of Region 7, Allied Industrial Workers (AIW), 521 South Walnut Street, Lansing, Michigan, was interviewed at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida, on October 17, 1973 and he furnished the following information:

Mr. BRENNER is not personally acquainted with Mr. FORD and thus is not in a position to comment concerning his qualifications. He has not been impressed with his voting record in Congress with regard to labor and feels that Mr. FORD is strictly a "party man," that is, he would follow the line of the Republican Party in all his decisions.

Mr. BRENNER knows nothing unfavorable concerning Mr. FORD's background and has heard nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon his character or integrity.

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Mr. RALPH LIBERATO, Vice President, Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO, and President, State, County and Municipal Employees of Detroit, 2345 Cass Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, was contacted at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida, on October 17, 1973. He furnished the following information:

Mr. LIBERATO has never met Mr. FORD personally and his knowledge of Mr. FORD is limited to what he has seen on television and what he has heard from others. He has been very impressed with Mr. FORD's record and considers him "down to earth." He has never heard anything from any source of an unfavorable nature concerning Mr. FORD and although he disagrees with him politically, if he had to vote for a Republican, he knows of no one for whom he would rather vote. He concluded by stating that during all Mr. FORD's campaigns for re-election through the years, Mr. LIBERATO recalled having heard nothing which would reflect unfavorably in any way on Mr. FORD's personal integrity.

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Mr. WILLIAM MARSHALL, President of Michigan State AFL - CIO, 1034 North Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, was contacted at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbor, Florida, on October 15, 1973, and he advised as follows:

Mr. MARSHALL has met Mr. GERALD FORD on two or three occasions and once appeared with him as the co-speaker on a local radio program in Michigan. He has never been a close personal friend of Mr. FORD but he is well acquainted with his brother, Mr. THOMAS FORD. Mr. THOMAS FORD was recently defeated in a re-election campaign for the Michigan State Legislature and is now employed by the Michigan State Legislature. Mr. MARSHALL is also slightly acquainted with other members of Mr. FORD's family and he considers the entire family to be persons of excellent character and reputation.

Mr. MARSHALL has the highest respect personally for Mr. FORD and feels he is an honest man whose background is "an open book". There is absolutely nothing in Mr. FORD's background which would give any possible indication he is other than a thoroughly honest and loyal individual.

Mr. MARSHALL said organized labor has generally opposed Mr. FORD in the past although certain sections of the labor field have supported him. The total basis of the labor field's opposition to him has been his unfavorable voting record in Congress regarding labor matters and has certainly not resulted from any lack of integrity or honesty on Mr. FORD's part.

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Mr. WALTER CAMPBELL, Secretary - Treasurer, Michigan State AFL - CIO, 1034 North Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, was contacted on October 17, 1973, at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbor, Florida. He advised as follows:

Mr. CAMPBELL has met Mr. FORD on only one occasion several years ago at a large public meeting. He, thus, has not been closely associated with Mr. FORD in the past, however, he has followed Mr. FORD's career in public service in the news media ever since Mr. FORD's first election to the House of Representatives in 1948. He recalled that in the 1948 election Mr. FORD received the support of a number of local labor unions in Michigan.

Mr. FORD is well known in Michigan as an ultra-conservative in his political views and is commonly referred to as "another GOLDWATER", meaning he is as conservative in his views as is Senator BARRY GOLDWATER of Arizona.

Mr. CAMPBELL has heard absolutely nothing of a derogatory nature regarding Mr. FORD's character or integrity and he stated he personally feels President NIXON made a wise choice in selecting Mr. FORD from a standpoint of integrity.

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Mr. A. F. GROSPIRON, President, Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, 1637 Champa Street, Denver, Colorado, was contacted at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbor, Florida, and he furnished the following information:

Mr. GROSPIRON is not personally acquainted with Mr. GERALD FORD and therefore is not in a position to comment responsibly regarding his background or personal qualifications for Vice President.

Mr. GROSPIRON has been a member of the AFL - CIO Executive Council since 1969 and during the meetings of this council held in Washington and during all other meetings attended by Mr. GROSPIRON, he has never heard any reference whatsoever to Mr. FORD.

During all the years Mr. FORD has been in public service, Mr. GROSPIRON has heard absolutely nothing of an adverse nature regarding him.

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Mr. I. W. ABEL, President, United Steel Workers of America, was contacted on October 17, 1973 at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida. He advised that he is not personally acquainted with Mr. GERALD FORD and that all he knows about him is what he has read in the newspapers. He said he, therefore, does not wish to comment in any manner concerning his appointment as Vice President.

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Mr. WALTER J. BURKE, Secretary-Treasurer, United Steel Workers of America, was contacted at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida, on October 17, 1973. He said he does not know Mr. FORD personally and, therefore, does not wish to make any comment concerning his appointment as Vice President. He added, however, that he thinks President NIXON "made the best possible choice under the circumstances."

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REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/17/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/17/73
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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

MICHAEL GERALD FORD is a freshman at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hamilton, Mass. and a student in good standing. No arrest record located for FORD at Hamilton, Mass., Ipswich, Mass. and Mass. Commissioner of Probation.

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DETAILS:

The arrest check at Boston, Massachusetts was conducted at the request of Special Clerk FLORA FITZGERALD.

Miscellaneous

On October 17, 1973, [REDACTED] Director of Admissions and Registrar, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 199 Bridge Street, Hamilton, Massachusetts, advised that MICHAEL GERALD FORD enrolled as a Freshman at this seminary on September 17, 1973. He previously attended Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina where he was the recipient of a Bachelor of Arts Degree in June, 1973. [REDACTED] advised that

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FORD is a serious, outstanding theological student and during the short period of time he has been enrolled at the seminary nothing has come to his attention that would cause him to have any doubts concerning his character, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States.

Arrest

On October 17, 1973, personnel of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal and traffic conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised that they could locate no information in the records of that office identifiable with MICHAEL GERALD FORD.

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On October 17, 1973, Inspector [redacted] Hamilton, Massachusetts Police Department, advised he could locate no information in the records of that department identifiable with MICHAEL GERALD FORD.

On October 17, 1973, Sergeant [redacted] Ipswich, Massachusetts Police Department, advised he could locate no information in the records of that department identifiable with MICHAEL GERALD FORD.

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/17/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/16 - 10/17/73
TITLE OF CASE GERALD R. FORD aka Leslie King, Jr.		REPORT MADE BY NICHOLAS MC GAHAN, JR.	TYPED ET
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Visit of [redacted] of
residence
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Balboa Island, Newport Beach,
California

On October 17, 1973, [redacted]
Balboa Island, Newport Beach, California, advised
SA [redacted] that she is acquainted with MARGARET ATWOOD
MATHER and her daughter, PATRICIA JANE KING, also known
as Patricia Bee, who reside at [redacted]. She has known
them for approximately four years. She described them
as quiet, neat, and clean neighbors who keep to themselves.
[redacted] also advised that MATHER's daughter, MARJORIE WERNER,
is presently visiting from Cumberland, Maryland. She
~~know nothing unfavorable concerning them and advised that~~
she has never had any reason to question their character,
associates, reputation, or loyalty.

→ Know nothing unfavorable concerning them and advised that

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Office: Los Angeles, California

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Title: GERALD R. FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Two associates comment favorably and recommend. One associate advised that there were a few indications that appointee may have accepted Campaign Contributions from "special interest" groups; results set forth. No arrest record located identical with appointee's relatives residing within the territory of the Los Angeles Division. Residence of appointee's relatives at [redacted] California, verified; results set forth.

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DETAILS:

ASSOCIATES

On October 17, 1973, NEIL STAEBLER, Former Democratic Chairman State of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, was contacted by SA [redacted] at 699 8th Street, Claremont, California. STAEBLER advised that he has known the appointee, GERALD R. FORD, since he was elected to the United States Congress, 5th District, State of Michigan during 1948. He debated with the appointee several times and the appointee has always behaved as a gentleman and conducted himself in an excellent manner. STAEBLER is not acquainted with the appointee on a personal basis, as all contact with the appointee has been on a political basis. STAEBLER knows nothing unfavorable concerning the appointee, however, there were a few indications that the appointee may have accepted Campaign Contributions from "special interest" groups. He did not know or recall the exact details or who the groups were.

STAEBLER advised that [redacted] and her husband [redacted] who are prominent attorneys in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and [redacted] also a prominent attorney in Grand Rapids, Michigan, would be able to furnish more information concerning who the "special interest" groups who made contributions were.

STAEBLER did not take the above incident seriously and is aware that the appointee is highly regarded in his District and State of Michigan and by the United States Congress. Although he feels that the appointee is not the brightest person, he believes the appointee is a very capable man and a person who possesses excellent character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. He believes the appointee is a friendly and personable man who gets along well with everyone. Based upon his knowledge of the appointee he would recommend the appointee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On October 17, 1973, GEORGE C. S. BENSON, Professor, Claremont Men's College, Claremont, California, was contacted by SA [REDACTED] at his home, 690 5th Street, Claremont, California, and advised that he formerly served as the Deputy Secretary of Defense during President Nixon's first term in office. He stated he met the appointee on a few occasions, however, he is not well acquainted with him. The appointee was very helpful and cooperative concerning his duties with the Defense Department. He is aware that the appointee enjoys a good reputation; is a very public spirited individual, and makes a good personal impression. BENSON believes that the appointee is a loyal patriotic American. BENSON advised that based on his knowledge of the appointee he would recommend the appointee for a position of Vice President of the United States.

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ARREST CHECKS

The appointee's half sister, PATRICIA JANE KING, also known as Patricia Bee, and mother, MARGARET ATWOOD MATHER, are presently residing at [REDACTED] Newport Beach, California. It is noted that the appointee's half sister, MARJORIE WERNER, is presently visiting the appointee's mother at the above address.

On October 17, 1973, the files of the following agencies were caused to be reviewed by SA [REDACTED] at which time no arrest record was located identifiable with the appointee's above listed relatives:

Orange County Sheriff's Office
Santa Ana, California

Newport Beach Police Department
Newport Beach, California
(covers [REDACTED])

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MISCELLANEOUS

Verification of
relatives' residence
at [redacted]

[redacted] Newport Beach,
California

On October 17, 1973, [redacted]

[redacted] Newport Beach, California, advised
SA [redacted] that she is acquainted with MARGARET ATWOOD
MATHER and her daughter, PATRICIA JANE KING, also known
as Patricia Bee, who reside at [redacted]. She has known
them for approximately four years. She described them
as quiet, neat, and clean neighbors who keep to themselves.
[redacted] also advised that MATHER's daughter, MARJORIE WERNER,
is presently visiting from Cumberland, Maryland. She
knew nothing unfavorable concerning them and advised that
she has never had any reason to question their character,
associates, reputation, or loyalty.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

OCT 17 1973

REPORTING OFFICE CHARLOTTE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE TELETYPE 7/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/17/73
TITLE OF CASE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, aka Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., Leslie King, Jr.		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY stp
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REFERENCE:

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Credit and identification checks at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, failed to locate any record identifiable with GERALD RUDOLPH FORD. No identification record located for GERALD RUDOLPH FORD's son, MICHAEL GERALD FORD, at Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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DETAILS:

CREDIT

On October 17, 1973, [REDACTED], Credit Bureau of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, advised that a review of the files of her agency failed to locate any record identifiable with GERALD RUDOLPH FORD.

IDENTIFICATION

On October 17, 1973, [REDACTED], Chapel Hill Police Department, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, advised that a review of the files of her agency failed to locate any record identifiable with GERALD RUDOLPH FORD.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent [REDACTED]

On October 17, 1973, [REDACTED] Clerk, City-County
Identification Division, Winston-Salem Police Department,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina, advised a check of her files
failed to locate a record identifiable with MICHAEL GERALD FORD.

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TITLE OF CASE GERALD R. FORD		REPORT MADE BY TELETYPE	Assoc. Dir. Asst. Dir.: Admin. Comp. Syst. Ident. Intell. Lab. Legal Coun. Plan. & Eval. Rec. Mgmt. Tech. Serv. Training Director Sec'y
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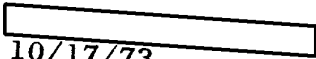
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GERALD R. FORD

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Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Credit and criminal negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]:

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

AT LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

On October 17, 1973, [REDACTED], Park County Credit Bureau, Livingston, Montana, advised that his files failed to reveal any record identifiable with GERALD FORD.

On October 17, 1973, DON GUINTONI, Sheriff, Park County Sheriff's Office, Livingston, Montana, advised that his records failed to reveal any record identifiable with GERALD FORD.

AT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, WYOMING

On October 17, 1973, [REDACTED], Law Enforcement Officer, National Park Service, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, advised that his records failed to reveal any record identifiable with GERALD FORD.

It is to be noted that the Park County Credit Bureau provides credit information for Gardiner, Montana, and the Park County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement for Gardiner, Montana. Gardiner, Montana, is the all year entrance to Yellowstone National Park and the closest community to Mammoth, Yellowstone National Park. Mammoth houses the administrative offices for the National Park Service.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CINCINNATI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/17/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/16/73
TITLE OF CASE ALD RUDOLPH FORD		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY cjb
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

The Honorable GEORGE CLIFTON EDWARDS, JR., Judge, USCA, 6th Circuit, advised he has known FORD for approximately 15 years and described him as honest, conscientious, conservative individual of excellent reputation about whom nothing unfavorable is known. Qualified recommendation given FORD for Vice Presidency, but he does not possess necessary qualifications to assume office of the Presidency. The Honorable WADE HAMPTON MC CREE, JR., Judge, USCA, 6th Circuit, advised he has known FORD approximately 25 years and describes him as decent, honest, conservative individual of excellent reputation about whom nothing unfavorable is known. FORD recommended for position of trust and confidence with U.S. Government.

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DETAILS:

United States Judges
United States Court of Appeals
Sixth Circuit

On October 16, 1973, the Honorable GEORGE CLIFTON EDWARDS, JR., Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, advised he has known GERALD FORD by reputation since 1939, and on a first name basis for about the last 15 years. He stated that he is not an intimate acquaintance of Mr. FORD, has not socialized with him and knows him primarily through his, EDWARDS', work in Michigan governmental circles, through mutual acquaintances and associates and through contact at various political functions.

Judge EDWARDS characterized FORD as a very conscientious, conservative congressman. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, Mr. FORD was a very honest individual who has done a reasonably good job for his constituents in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. He stated that if he were to summarize FORD's character in a single phrase, it would be that FORD is a "solid citizen". He stated that to his knowledge, FORD has an excellent reputation and he knows of no derogatory information whatever concerning him. He stated that the worse thing he could say about FORD in this regard was that he sometimes suffers from "hoof and mouth disease". That is, FORD sometimes makes statements, the full import of which he seems unaware.

Judge EDWARDS further stated that he doubted minority groups would consider FORD to be a representative of their interests. He stated that he thought that FORD would be less than even handed in his dealings with minorities, though he indicated such treatment or actions by FORD would probably not be conscious in nature. He stated that he felt President NIXON has done much to divide this country racially and he indicated that FORD would follow NIXON's lead in this area. He stated that FORD was not the smartest man, though he reiterated that he felt he was honest.

Judge EDWARDS stated that he could not, in good conscience, recommend FORD for the office of Vice President, not because of any derogatory information in his possession, but because he felt in evaluating a Vice Presidential candidate or, as in this case appointee, evaluation must begin by looking at the candidate or appointee as a possible President of the United States as there is obviously a distinct possibility that this person might one day become President. He stated that if he could be sure that FORD would remain Vice President, he would recommend him for the position. Judge EDWARDS stated that in his opinion, FORD knows nothing of foreign affairs or the racial issue with all its ramifications, which two problems EDWARDS considers the most urgent facing the world today.

Judge EDWARDS further indicated that FORD did not have the intellectual capacity to deal with the office of Vice President and was intellectually unprepared for it. He stated that in commenting on FORD's intellectual capacity, he was reminded of a poster he had recently seen of Snoopy the dog stating the difficulty of "playing chess with a checkers mentality".

Judge EDWARDS stated that because of the possibility of FORD becoming President, he could not recommend him for the office of Vice President for the aforementioned reasons.

On October 16, 1973, the Honorable WADE HAMPTON MC CREE, JR., Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, advised he has known Congressman FORD for approximately 25 years. He stated that he first knew of GERALD FORD about 1948, when FORD was running for Congress. He stated that he knew FORD was the Congressman from the Grand Rapids, Michigan area, which he believed was the Fifth District. He indicated he does not know FORD intimately, but knew him as a political personage. In recent years he has seen him only at football games and political gatherings. Judge MC CREE stated that he was active politically in Michigan in 1948, and was an attorney in Detroit when he first met FORD. He described their

relationship as pleasant and indicated that he did not wish to convey the impression that this was a close relationship.

Judge MC CREE characterized FORD as a very affable, pleasant person. He stated that he had no reservations about his honesty and never would expect any kind of scandal to be linked with his name. He stated that he would be very surprised and shocked to learn of any such scandal. He indicated that FORD is a conservative person who does not live on a lavish scale and lives within his means. He indicated that FORD is a man of even temperament who is not prone to making flamboyant statements. He stated that FORD has an excellent reputation and that he is known as a very good worker. In characterizing FORD as a conservative, Judge MC CREE stated that by conservative he meant that FORD recognizes the value of tradition and experience. He stated that FORD is not a venturesome type individual. He stated that FORD is basically a very decent person. He is "the sort of man you leave in charge if you don't want to rock the boat." He stated that FORD is the type of person who can stand pressure and who has the ability to make up his own mind.

Judge MC CREE stated that he is not aware that FORD has ever had any problems with minority groups. He indicated that FORD has distinguished himself neither as an advocate nor as a detractor on the Civil Rights issue. He stated that FORD is the type of individual who will stay out of controversial areas. He indicated he felt this was true in all areas, not only in Civil Rights. He stated that he felt that FORD could be even handed in his treatment of minorities. He again stated that FORD is a very decent and honest person. He stated that he has never heard any derogatory information of any kind concerning FORD.

Judge MC CREE stated that in his opinion FORD does have the intellectual capacity to fulfill the requirements of the office of the Vice President of the United States.

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He stated that it is his interpretation of the 25th Amendment that in a situation such as this, the President is to designate his Vice Presidential choice for confirmation by the Congress. He stated that if he were in Congress, based upon what he knows of FORD, he would vote to confirm.

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RECOVERIES

☐ NONE

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Title:

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Judge TALBOT SMITH, Eastern District of Michigan, located and interviewed at Cheyenne, Wyo. He considers appointee competent, capable, conscientious, and honest. Judge SMITH enthusiastically recommended appointee for position of Vice President of the United States.

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DETAILS:

ACQUAINTANCE

On October 17, 1973, TALBOT SMITH, former United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, currently a Senior Status Judge with offices at 960 Legal Research Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, was contacted at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and furnished the following information:

He has known appointee since the early 1930s when both he and Mr. FORD were students on the campus of the University of Michigan. He has known Mr. FORD professionally since the late 1940s and has always considered Mr. FORD to be an outstanding citizen.

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He has never heard a scintilla of derogatory information or rumor regarding Mr. FORD, his family, or his associates.

He considers appointee to be most competent, capable, conscientious, and honest. In his opinion, Mr. FORD is completely loyal and trustworthy.

He has no recollection of ever having been involved in any legal proceedings in which Mr. FORD was involved nor is he socially acquainted with Mr. FORD or any member of his family.

He feels that President NIXON's choosing appointee as the Vice Presidential nominee was a "happy choice" which, if confirmed, will prove to be beneficial to the United States and all its citizens.

Judge SMITH enthusiastically recommended GERALD R. FORD for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 10/17/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/17/73
TITLE OF CASE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY SSC
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Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: JAMES M. MC NEELY, former Chairman, Democratic Party, State of Michigan, 1969-1973, interviewed at Kansas City, Missouri and furnished favorable comments as to appointee's character and reputation. MC NEELY knew of no information which would in any way reflect unfavorably upon the appointee and would recommend his confirmation as Vice President of the United States.

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DETAILS:

KC 161-793

INTERVIEW WITH JAMES M. MC NEELY,
FORMER CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC PARTY,
STATE OF MICHIGAN, 1969 - 1973

On October 17, 1973, Mr. MC NEELY, now residing 8609 West 90th Terrace, Overland Park, Kansas, was interviewed at the office of the Citizens Conference on State Legislatures, 4722 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, where he is employed as Director of Organizational Development. MC NEELY advised he first became acquainted with FORD in about 1969 while the former was Chairman of the Democratic Party in the state of Michigan. MC NEELY states that his contacts with FORD have been limited to political functions in Michigan and he is not considered a personal friend of the appointee.

MC NEELY advised he is not acquainted with FORD's personal life other than to say that he is not aware of any derogatory information in the appointee's background which would in any way preclude FORD's confirmation as Vice President. MC NEELY added that he was personally satisfied with the President's nomination of FORD as the latter has always been regarded as a man of integrity and fairness as a Representative of the state of Michigan. MC NEELY said he did not always agree with FORD's political opinions but felt that FORD's nomination as Vice President was a logical one considering the political events of the past year.

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GERALD R. FORD, aka.

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Title: GERALD R. FORD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee current member American Bar Association.
No grievances with National Conference of Bar
Examiners. No credit or arrest records.

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DETAILS:

Affiliation

American Bar Association (ABA)
1155 East 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois

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On October 16, 1973, [REDACTED] Clerk,
advised appointee is a current member of the ABA.

Mr. BERT H. EARLY, Executive Director, ABA,
advised appointee was not a member of any committees at
the ABA and he was not personally acquainted with him.

On October 16, 1973, [REDACTED] Clerk,
National Conference of Bar Examiners, 333 North Michigan
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised her grievance files
contained no listed grievances or any unfavorable
information regarding appointee.

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Credit

The following investigation was conducted by
SA []:

On October 17, 1973, [] Collector-Investigator, Evanston, Illinois Credit Bureau, advised no file could be located for the appointee.

On October 16, 1973, [] advised Special Agent (SA) [] after reviewing the records of the Credit Bureau Metro, Waukegan, Illinois, that there is no record regarding the appointee.

Arrest

The following investigation was conducted by
SA []

On October 17, 1973, Officer [] [], Record Bureau, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Chicago, Illinois, advised no arrest records are available for the period of 1945 as during the normal course of business, records for that period have been destroyed. Of records available, no arrest or identification record could be located for the appointee.

On October 17, 1973, [] Record Bureau, Glenview, Illinois Police Department, advised no arrest or identification record could be located for the appointee.

On October 16, 1973, the following individuals were contacted and after reviewing their respective records advised that there is no record in their files regarding the appointee:

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Records
North Chicago Police Department
North Chicago, Illinois

CG 161-2695

[REDACTED]

Great Lakes Navy Base Security
Great Lakes, Illinois

[REDACTED]

Records
Lake County Sheriff's Office
Waukegan, Illinois

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